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Washington, D.C. 20535

December 23, 2005

MR ERNIE LAZAR
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577 SOUTH THORNHILL ROAD
PALM SPRINGS, CA 92264 7884

Subject: FILE #157 3484

FOIPA No. 1024170- 000

Dear Mr. Lazar:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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283 **page(s)** were reviewed and 220 **page(s)** are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

- ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your limited Freedom of Information Act request, enclosed is a processed copy of FBI Headquarters file 157-3483.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3484) DATE: 7/7/65

FROM : SA [redacted] (P)

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SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RM (KLAN)

OO: Jackson

On July 7, 1965, the records of Chancery Court, Second Judicial District, Jones County, Mississippi, as maintained in the Chancery Clerk's Office, Laurel, Mississippi, showed the following information filed under number 19,167 in the divorce case of DEAVOURS NIX vs. SYBIL S. NIX:

On April 25, 1965, a Bill for Divorce was filed in this court by DEAVOURS NIX against SYBIL C. NIX. This Bill claimed that they were both white persons, residents of Jones County, Mississippi, married in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on February 19, 1947, and the [redacted]. He charged that his wife nagged, cursed and abused him, that she came and went without giving reasons at all hours of the night, drank excessively and frequented places of ill-repute with other males. DEAVOURS asked for custody of the children and stated that he and SYBIL C. NIX had stopped living together on April 22, 1962.

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On July 17, 1962, an Answer to the above Bill was filed by SYBIL C. NIX. She denied all the allegations made by her husband regarding her conduct and asked that the Bill be dismissed with prejudice. She filed a Crossbill asking for custody of the children and separate support. She claimed that after the above Bill was filed that she and her husband returned to live together and did so until June 15, 1962. She reportedly resided in the family residence at 325 North 15th Avenue. She accussed her husband of failure to support her and her children and of striking her.

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On August 6, 1962, an answer was filed to this Crossbill by DEAVOURS NIX. [redacted]

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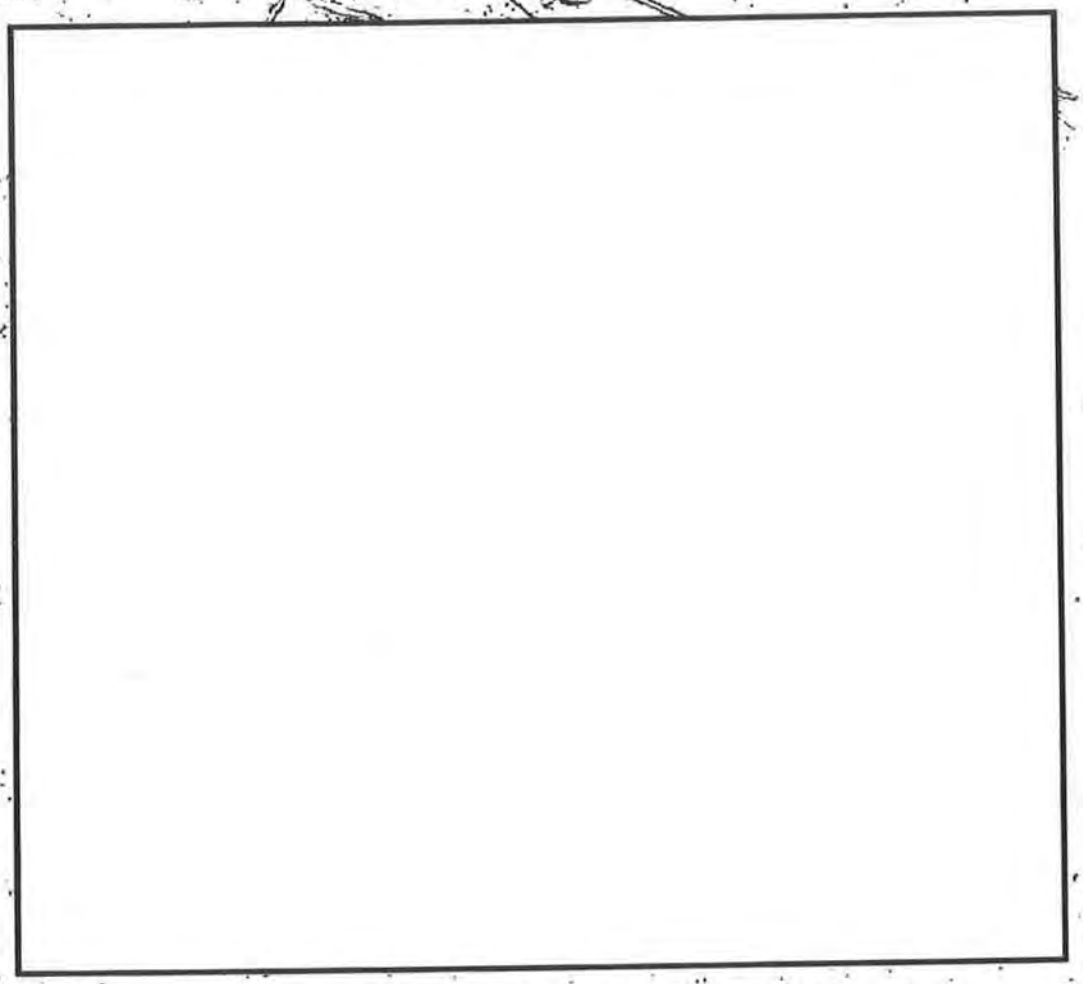
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filed w... August 16, 1965, a final degree of divorce was visitation r... ...d custody of the children to the mother with to pay for the s... ...the father. DEAVOURS NIX was ordered ... his wife and children $50 per month.

Witnesses called DEA... NIX in this action were listed as:



FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/1/65

DEAVOURS NIX was contacted at his residence at 325 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi. After the interviewing Agents identified themselves, NIX stated that unless the Agents had a warrant for his arrest they should leave his property. The interview was terminated.

The following description of NIX was observed during the above interview:

Name	DEAVOURS NIX
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 35
Height	6' 2"
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Black
Residence	325 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi
Occupation	Operator of John's Barbecue

On 8/25/65 at Laurel, Mississippi File# JACKSON 157-3484 -9

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] :blw Date dictated 8/27/65

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SAC, JACKSON (157-3565) 9/21/65

SA [redacted] (P)

[redacted] aka.
[redacted]
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

OO: Jackson

On September 13, 1965, the subject was interviewed at his service station in [redacted] by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] (FD-302 prepared)

During this interview it was observed that there were a list of names and phones on the wall inside the station next to the phone. This list included the names [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] advised that this was a list of his customers. He said that he was well acquainted with [redacted] however, [redacted] had never mentioned the Klan to him.

[redacted] said that he was slightly acquainted with [redacted]

He said that he had known DRAYBURN FIX since he was a little boy.

He stated that he and [redacted] had formerly worked together [redacted] at a job in [redacted] and at another [redacted]

[redacted] said that his family was raised around [redacted] and that his wife's family was from around the [redacted] Their name is [redacted]

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10/18/65

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-3372)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
KLAN INVESTIGATION
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
DATED 10/18/65

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On 10/15/65, HCUA Investigator for Miss., [redacted] advised that [redacted] the HCUA list of witnesses who will testify at Washington, D.C., regarding the Klan. In view of this no further recommendations are being made by the Jackson Office regarding [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the HCUA was adding to their list of witnesses from Miss., DEAVOURS NIX, State Klan Bureau Investigator for the UKKKKOM, Laurel, Miss. A report is being prepared on NIX and will reach the Bureau by 10/25/65.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3484) DATE: 10/21/65

FROM : SA [redacted] (P)

SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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OO: Jackson

On October 7, 1965, the records of the Laurel, Mississippi, Credit Bureau were checked by SA [redacted] These records contained concerning DEAVOURS NIX which had been opened since July, 1948.

This recordscontained the following information:

Name:	DEAVOURS NIX
Description:	White male, approximately 38 years of age.
Wife:	SYBIL NIX, reportedly divorced from her as of 1963
WHereabouts:	Laurel, Mississippi
Occupation:	Operator of John's Cafe, Laurel, Mississippi
Residences:	March, 1963 - 325 - 15th Avenue, Laurel, Miss. 1963 - 6656 Atlantic Boulevard, Bell, Calif. Date unknown - 6306½ Bear Avenue, Bell, Calif.
Employment:	November, 1962 - Nick's Steak House, Laurel, Mississippi
Credit Inquiries:	March, 1963 - Household Finance, Laurel, Miss. August, 1963 - Laurel Federal Savings and Loan, Laurel, Mississippi November, 1963 - Household Finance, Laurel, Mississippi July, 1964 - Mississippi Loan, Laurel, Miss. June, 1964 - Credit Adjustment, Laurel, Miss.
Bank:	Commercial National Bank and Trust, Laurel, Mississippi
Past Due Reports:	Ten past due accounts between 1955 and the present from Laurel, Mississippi and South Gate, California

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3484)

DATE: 10/22/65

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT:

DEAVOURS NIX
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

OO: Jackson

On October 7, 1965, the vehicle license records of the Jones County Sheriff's Office, Laurel, Mississippi, were searched and they reflected that vehicle license number KD -3471 was issued to DEAVOURS NIX, 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, for a 1963 Ford Thunderbird, two door, VIN 3Y87Z102351. This vehicle was purchased on May 17, 1965 from Kelly-Lowe Dodge, Laurel, Mississippi.

DEAVOURS NIX has been observed on September 28, 1965, and numerous other times during the past six months driving a 1963 Ford Thunderbird, white over blue.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
JACKSON	JACKSON	10/27/65	6/29/65 - 10/20/65

TITLE OF CASE
DEAVOURS NIX

REPORT MADE BY
SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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CHARACTER OF CASE
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY
REFERENCE:

Jackson airtel to Bureau dated 10/18/65.

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LEADS:

ST. LOUIS DIVISION:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Will check subject's Navy Service Record at the MPRC for background information, including any special abilities regarding explosives, radio and electronics.

JACKSON DIVISION:

AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI:

APPROVED
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

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COPIES MADE:
7 - Bureau (RM)
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1 - ONI, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S. C. (RM)
1 - OSI, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana (RM)
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Note

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency				
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Date Fwd.				
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1. Will report the results of the identification check by the FBI Identification Division.

2. Will maintain contact with informants concerning subject's activities.

3. Will spot check subject's residence and place of employment to determine his activity and associates.

AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI:

Will maintain contact with informants for any background and activity regarding subject.

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI:

Will maintain contact with informants for background and activities.

INFORMANTS:

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Identity	Date of Contact	Location

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:
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1 - ONI, 6th NAVAL DISTRICT, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
1 - OSI, BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA
1 - INTC, FT. MC PHERSON, GEORGIA

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: JACKSON b6 b7C
Date: OCTOBER 27, 1965

Field Office File #: 157-3484 Bureau File #:

Title: DEAVOURS NIX

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: DEAVOURS NIX, born 10/30/23, Laurel, Miss. NIX presently resides 325 15th Avenue, Laurel, Miss. NIX, NSN 2747202, served in the U. S. Navy from 10/3/41 to 2/5/47. NIX was elected Klan Bureau Investigator (KBI) at a State Meeting of the WKKKKOM on 6/27/65 near Greenwood, Miss. NIX was interviewed on one occasion but refused to furnish any information.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. BIRTH DATE

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On October 12, 1965, the files of [redacted] another Government agency maintaining personnel records, reflected DEAVOURS NIX was born October 30, 1923, Laurel, Mississippi.

B. CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Subject is a citizen of the United States by birth.

C. EDUCATION

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On October 12, 1965, the files of [redacted] another Government agency maintaining personnel records, reflected NIX finished the 8th grade.

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D. MARITAL STATUS

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On October 20, 1965, the records of the Jones County Circuit Court, Second District, Laurel, Mississippi, show that DEAVOURS NIX and SYBIL NIX were married October 23, 1962, at Laurel, Mississippi. This record is found in Marriage Record Book No. 29, page 404. This book also indicates that both have previously been married and divorced.

E. RESIDENCE

On August 25, 1965, SA's [redacted] and [redacted] determined NIX resides at 325 North 15th Avenue, Laur[redacted] Mississippi.

F. EMPLOYMENT

On June 29, 1965, [redacted] advised that DEAVOURS NIX, reportedly operates John's Steak House, Laurel, Mississippi.

On August 23, 1965, [redacted] reported that NIX operates John's Cafe, 116 Teresa Street, Laurel, Mississippi.

G. Military Service:

On October 12, 1965, [redacted] reported that NIX entered the U. S. Navy October 3, 1941 and was discharged February 5, 1947. He has Navy Serial Number 2747202.

H. IDENTIFICATION RECORD

On October 13, 1965, Sergeant [redacted] Records, Police Department, Laurel, Mississippi, advised that the files of the police department show the following identification record for NIX:

DATE	CHARGE	ARRESTING OFFICERS	DISPOSITION
4/10/47	No driver's license	[redacted]	$5.00 suspended
5/3/48	No driver's license		$5.00 cash bond
7/15/53	Speeding		$20.00 cash bond
10/9/53	Assault		Dismissed
5/31/54	Run stop sign		$5.00 cash bond
5/31/54	Speeding		$10.00 cash bond

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DATE	CHARGE	ARRESTING OFFICERS	DISPOSITION
6/24/57	No tag		$10.00 cash bond
9/2/62	Assault		$10.00 cash bond
5/10/64	Disturbance		Dismissed
5/19/64	Assault		$10 cash bond
7/13/65	Assault		Dismissed, not guilty
8/14/65	Assault		Posted $52 cash bond, case later dismissed, $3 dollar court cost suspended

The police files show the following physical description of NIX:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	41
Date of Birth:	November 30, 1923
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	185
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown

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I. CREDIT CHECKS

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Residences:	March, 1963 - 325 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi; 1963 - 6656 Atlantic Boulevard, Bell, California
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Past Due Reports:	Ten past due accounts between 1955 and the present from Laurel, Mississippi, and South Gate, California.

J. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	41
Date of Birth:	October 30, 1923
Place of Birth:	Laurel, Mississippi
Height:	6 feet 1 inch
Weight:	180

Hair:	Black	b6
Eyes:	Brown	b7C
Build:	Slender	
Employment:	John's Cafe, 116 Teresa Street, Laurel, Mississippi	
Military Service:	U. S. Navy from October 3, 1941 to February 5, 1947, Navy Serial No. 2747202	
Marital Status:	Married	
Relatives:	GEORGE NIX (father), 308 North 17th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi; SYBIL C. NIX (wife);	

K. MAKE AND MODEL OF AUTOMOBILES

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L. SPECIAL ABILITIES

Investigation has failed to show any special abilities with reference to explosives, radios or electronics.

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M. PHOTOGRAPHS

A photograph of subject was obtained by SA [redacted] in Laurel, Mississippi. b2 b6 b7C

N. ASSOCIATES

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[redacted]

APPENDIX

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF LOUISIANA (OKKKK)

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own Klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

A second source advised on February 4, 1965, that the present membership of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) is between 1,000 and 1,500 members and the organization has continued to operate in the State of Mississippi as an independent Klan organization with the same aims and purposes as when it was created in February, 1964.

APPENDIX

FD-323 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Jackson, Mississippi
October 27, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title BEAVOURS NIX

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Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of SA [redacted]
at Jackson, dated October 27, 1965.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FD-376 (3-8-65)

October 27, 1965

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. X ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) X ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SA [redacted] (P)

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI, JONES COUNTY, MISS.
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

CO: Jackson

Sam Bowers

On October 26, 1965, Investigator [redacted] House Committee on Un-American Activities, located [redacted] at Stassi's Cafe, Commerce Street, Laurel, Mississippi, and served him with a subpoena to appear before this committee in Washington, D.C. in mid-November, 1965.

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Shortly after this DEAVOURS NIX was observed in the area of Stassi's Cafe with a camera attempting to photograph agents.

Several hours thereafter a telephone call was received by SA [redacted] at the FBI office, Laurel, from a man who identified himself as [redacted] an attorney associated with [redacted] This persons asked for SA [redacted] He said that he was representing DEAVOURS NIX, who was then in his office. NIX had advised him that he believed that the FBI was trying to contact him and wanted to make himself available in the future through his attorney.

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[redacted] advised that he also had subpoenas for [redacted] and [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3484) DATE: 10/29/65

FROM : SA [redacted] (P) b6 b7C

SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

OO: Jackson

On October 27, 1965, [redacted] for WDAM-TV, Laurel, Mississippi, advised that he was standing in front of the Post Office in Laurel on the afternoon of this date along with [redacted] and [redacted] of the Laurel Chamber of Commerce. b6 b7C

DEAVOURS NIX drove by in his blue and white T-Bird. There was another man in the car, possibly [redacted] This individual took pictures of [redacted] and his group as the car drove by.

At approximately 3:00 P.M. on October 27, 1965, SA [redacted] observed DEAVOURS NIX and [redacted] in NIX's T-Bird at [redacted] talking with the operator [redacted]

On October 29, 1965, [redacted] WDAM-TV, Laurel, advised that several days ago he was at John's Cafe, Laurel, talking to DEAVOURS NIX, the owner. b6 b7C

NIX spoke unfavorably about the recent appearance of Laurel Mayor [redacted] on WDAM-TV in which he condemned the Klan and their activities. NIX said that [redacted] had telephoned the manager of WDAM-TV asking for equal time to answer [redacted] comments. NIX told of [redacted] conversation in a manner that indicated that he had been in direct contact with [redacted] and was very familiar with what was said. During this conversation NIX express a great dislike for [redacted] and commented that [redacted] was part Jewish and therefore involved in the Communist-Jewish conspiracy. b6 b7C

[redacted] said that in his conversation with NIX he received the impression that NIX was really devoted and sincere in his beliefs on his stand against communism and for Citizen Council and like organizations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3484) DATE: 11/3/65

FROM : SA [redacted] (P)

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SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

On November 2, 1965, Justice of the Peace [redacted] Beat Number 4, Jasper County, Bay Springs, Mississippi, advised that the Justice Docket of his court reflected the following information on page 451:

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An affidavit was signed on September 9, 1965, by [redacted] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, against DEAVOURS NIX charging him with speeding, improper passing and concealed weapon.

A jury trial was held on October 4, 1965, concerning this matter. The concealed weapon charge was dismissed. The other two charges were presented to a six man jury and NIX was found not guilty.

The jury men for this trial were:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson (157-3484)(P) DATE: 10/20/65

FROM : SA, [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: Deaumours Mist
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In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on b7D serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 10-27-65. The review for this report was made from serial 1 through serial 18.

In accordance with the above, the following serials are to be destroyed:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

11-23-65

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER **None Assigned**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Navy	Deavours Nix	9-26-41		

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Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20537

11-23-65

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

2 The following FBI record, NUMBER None Assigned , is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA: **Deavours Nix**

Race:

Sex:

Height: **69½"**

Weight: **135**

Hair: **Light brown**

Eyes:

Date and Place of Birth: **11-30-23 Jones Co Miss**

Scars & Marks: **ANT: vs lt upper arm; S 1" lt knee; S 1" rt thumb; S 2" rt knee; S ½" rt shin; POST: S ½" back or lt hand**

Address: **in 1941- Rt 5 Laurel Miss**

Occupation: **Unk**

Company: Unk

Fingerprint classification:
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Identification Record Request
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. *This form may be submitted in legible hand printing.*
2. *Use separate form for each individual on whom record is requested.*
3. *Make effort to furnish FBI identification number, law enforcement identification number, or military service number.*
4. *Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI number not available.*
5. *Indicate office for reply in lower right corner only. Also list in lower right corner all offices which should receive copies of available records. Include carbon of FD-9 for each office receiving copies and forward with original to Bureau.*
6. *Do not fill in block in lower left corner.*

To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division

Date 11/16/65

Re **DEAVOURS NIX**
RM - KLAN

Field File No. 157-3484

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name	FBI No.
DEAVOURS NIX 11/16/65	Other No. **USN 2747202**

Aliases

Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	Residence
M	**W**	**10/30/23**	**Laurel, Miss.**	**325 15th Ave., Laurel, Miss.**

Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age
6'1"	**180**	**Slender**	**BLK**	**BRN**		**41**

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks, and tattoos
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Also Furnish:
- ☐ Photo
- ☐ Fingerprints
- ☐ Handwriting Specimens

Identification Division's Reply 11-23-65
- ☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:
  - ☐ Criminal Files ☐ Civil Files ☐ All Files
- ☑ Record Attached
- ☐ Photo Attached
- ☐ Photo Not Available
- ☐ Fingerprints Attached
- ☐ Handwriting Specimen Attached

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-1608)(RUC)

DEAVOURS NIX
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
OO: JACKSON

Re report of SA [redacted] 10/27/65, at Jackson.

A review on 11/23/65 by IC [redacted] of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Mo., indicated DEAVOURS NIX, SN 274 72 02, enlisted in the U. S. Navy on 10/3/41, and entered on active duty on the same date at New Orleans, La. He was discharged under honorable conditions on 2/5/47 as a Seaman First Class at San Francisco, Calif. by reason of expiration of enlistment.

He was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-martial on 3/3/44 for AWOL from 2/18/44 to 2/24/44. He was sentenced to solitary confinement on bread and water for five days, and forfeiture of $33 of his pay per month for a period of three months; however, only so much of the sentence as pertains to the forfeiture of $33 of his pay per month for two months was approved.

He was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-martial on 11/28/44 for AWOL from 9/14/44 to 9/15/44, from 10/6/44 to 10/7/44, and for applying to his own use one case of whiskey. He was sentenced to solitary confinement on bread and water for twenty days, and forfeiture of $24 of his pay per month for a period of eight months; however, if during the first ten days of his confinement, he maintained himself in a manner satisfactory to his commanding officer, the execution of the unexecuted part of the solitary confinement on bread and water would be remitted, and the loss of pay was reduced to $20 per month for a period of six months.

He was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-martial on 1/16/45 for AWOL from 12/16/44 to 12/29/44. He was sentenced to be confined for a period of fifteen days, and forfeiture of $33 of his pay per month for three months.

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He was tried and convicted by a Deck Court on 3/20/45 for absence over leave on 3/17/45 for a period of sixteen hours. He was sentenced to solitary confinement on bread and water for a period of ten days, and forfeiture of $21 of his pay per month for a period of two months.

He was awarded a Captain's Mast on 11/20/46 for absence over leave on 11/17/46 and received four days restriction.

The records failed to show NIX having any specific training or knowledge in the field of explosives, radio or electronics while in the military service.

The following descriptive and background information is contained in the records:

Date and Place of Birth:	11/30/23, Jones County, Miss.
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Race:	White
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Ruddy
Blood Group:	"O"
Distinguishing Marks:	1" scar, right palm; 2" scar, right knee; ½" scar, right shin; 1" scar, left knee; ½" scar, back of left hand
Education:	8 years grade school
Civilian Occupation:	Laborer
Military Occupation:	Seaman
Addresses:	Route 5 Laurel, Miss. (12/1/41); Route 3 Laurel, Miss. (2/5/47)
Relatives: Mother:	VIRGIE NIX 1148 N. 15th St. Laurel, Miss. (12/29/44);

Mother would be over 100.

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Relatives cont'd.:

[redacted]

Father: GEORGE ENOCH NIX
Route 5
Laurel, Miss.
(10/3/41)

Photograph: None available in the service records.

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Laurel Resident Is Subpoenaed

LAUREL, Miss. (AP) — Devours Nix of Laurel has been subpoenaed by the House Un-American Activities Committee in connection with the committee's investigation of the Ku Klux Klan.

Nix was ordered to appear in Washington Jan. 4.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Daily News

Jackson, Miss.

Date: 12/1/65
Edition: Daily
Author:
Editor: J.M. Ward
Title:
DEVOURS NIX

Character:
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Classification: 157-3484
Submitting Office: Jackson

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NIX RECEIVES PROBE PAPER

Verifies Subpoena

An investigator of the House Un-American Activities Committee accompanied by a Laurel Police officer Monday at 2:55 p.m. served a subpoena on Deavours Nix, operator of a Laurel eating establishment, to appear in Washington Jan. 4 at 10 a.m. in connection with an inquiry of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Nix verified he was served the subpoena which was "duces tecem", a legal term meaning he should bring his records to Washington with him.

He stated he had no comment to make concerning his appearance before the committee.

This was the second subpoena publicly acknowledged and served in Laurel in connection with Ku Klux Klan investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Sam Bowers, Laurel vending machine operator, was served a subpoena Oct. 26 to appear in Washington on or before Nov. 15 but before his appearance, the inquiry was adjourned, to be resumed in January.

It was also reported after the first subpoena was served that a number of Southeast Mississippians would be summoned to Washington to participate in the congressional inquiry.

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Leader-Call

Laurel, Miss.

Date: 11/30/65
Edition: Daily
Author:
Editor: J.W. West
Title: House Un-American Activities Committee Laurel, Miss. KKK
Character:
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Classification: 157-3484-38
Submitting Office: Jackson

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON

DATE: 12/6/65

FROM : SA, [redacted]

SUBJECT: SA [redacted]
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This is to advised that on 12/4/65, at 6:52 PM, DEAVOURS NIX, operator John's Cafe, Teresa Street, Laurel, Mississippi telephoned and advised that several weeks ago ~~and~~ an agent of the FBI came on his property and used profanity. At the time he did not know the agent but secured a local warrant charging "using profane language in the presence of two or more persons in a public place". Since the name of the agent was unknown he secured the "John Doe" type warrant. He states he has since learned the name of the agent, as [redacted] with "badge" number 5300 and has so notified the local police.

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Mr. NIX asked that I do what I could to have Agent [redacted] returned to Laurel for prosecution since the violation is against the State of Mississippi as well as himself.

During the conversation I tried to make arrangments to talk with NIX but he kept stating that he was in a hurry and had persons wating on him; further that he would not be available on Sunday. He was told that if he had any complaints to make against any agent I would like to know the circumstances, so that I could advise Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER. He declined to make any arrangments for the interview.

During the conversation I never admitted that Agent [redacted] was ever in Laurel and did not admit that we had any agent by that name. When he continued to refuse to arrange an interview I told him I would check with the local police for any information they might have regarding the warrant.

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On 12/6/65 efforts were made to contact [redacted] to determine if there had been any changes regarding the warrant previously issued (signed) by NIX against [redacted] and Agent [redacted] He later called and stated that he has the warrants in his possesion and no effort will be made to serve them. He said that if any pressure is brought by the City administration or any other unusual circumstances comes up he will advised the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION: Check file for the date that the Bureau was notified of the charges by [redacted] against SAS [redacted] & [redacted] then notify the Bureau. NOTE: NIX is the KBI Agent for the WAKKKOM.)

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SA [redacted] Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan dated 11/18/65 in 89-10

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On January 19, 1966, Detective [redacted] Laurel, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that on January 18, 1966, he had a long talk with [redacted] a well known burglar and car thief in the Laurel area.

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[redacted] said that he had no information as to who might have been involved in the burning of the home and store of VERNON DAHMER in Forrest County, Miss. on 1/10/66. He said that he was not involved and had not been approached by any to become involved.

He said that in the past he has been asked by [redacted] whom he described as a violent member, to join the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. [redacted] said that he did not join.

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[redacted] said that he often associates with DEAVOURS NIX and met NIX through his wife. He knows that NIX is a the State Investigator for the Klan and NIX is aware that [redacted] knows this, however, NIX has never discussed klan business with him.

[redacted] said that he knew that [redacted] and [redacted] were members of the White Knights. [redacted] presently hangs around the Rebel Drive-In at the Del Mar Motel which is run by his [redacted] is a nearby bootlegger.

[redacted] said that he would be alert for information of value in this case and recontact Detective CADE.

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SA [redacted]

[redacted] aka. [redacted]
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[redacted] said that she known of the Subject for the past five years, but has gotten to know him better in the past year. She said that she has been out with him only one time, but that apparently the Subject wants to go with her. She said that she has refused to go with him and as a result he continues to bother her. She said that between August and November, 1965, he was at her house at one time or another almost every day. He has sat outside her place of employment waiting for her.

About one week ago he was at her house when only her children were there. He was drunk and had a pistol with him. He came to her home at about 1:00 A.M., January 19, 1966, in a drunken condition demanding to be let in. She said that she is very fearful of him because she described him as being a very mean person, especially when he has been drinking. She said that she did not want to make a complaint against him because of being afraid of what he might later do to her or her family.

[redacted] said that she did not know of any connection between the burning of the home of VERNON DAHMER and the Subject, however, when she heard of the this burning she wondered to herself if probably the Subject was not involved.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] is a very close friend of DEAVOURS NIX, and that he is always around John's Cafe in Laurel, which is run by NIX.

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[redacted] said that it was her opinion that [redacted] was a member of the Ku Klux Klan because of his comments in the past and some Klan literature seen in his possession.

She said that she could not furnish any information as to [redacted] actually Klan activities or associates.

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[redacted] made available a note written by the Subject to her on 1/18/66, which threatened her if she did not make good a $1.00 check which she had written.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 1/21/66

DEAVOURS NIX was observed seated in a vehicle in a public parking lot across the street from the Federal Building, Laurel, Mississippi. At the time he was sitting with [redacted] NIX was contacted by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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NIX said that it was his business what he was doing parked at this location and not anyone else's. He said that he did not want to be interviewed. He asked if he were under arrest, and if he were that he wanted to go along with the Agents at once. He said, "If you want to take me, then take me, take me right now."

At this time the interview was terminated.

On 1/16/66 at Laurel, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-3484-49
Jackson 44-1512

SA's [redacted] and [redacted] :wp Date dictated 1/17/66

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Laurel Resident Is Convicted In Absentia Tuesday

KKK Member Tried For Resisting Arrest, Fined

HATTIESBURG — Justice of the Peace John Leonard this afternoon sentenced 40 - year-old Deavors Nix, Laurel restaurant operator identified recently by the House UnAmerican Activities committee as a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, to serve 30 days in Forrest county jail and pay a fine of $150.

Nix failed to appear in court to answer two charges of resisting arrest and charges of carrying a concealed and deadly weapon, speeding and making an improper turn in an automobile.

Total bond of $1,200 was forfeited during the afternoon proceedings before Beat 1 Justice of the Peace Leonard and Beat 2 J. P. Tom Camp.

The only charge with which Leonard was concerned was one of resisting arrest in connection with Nix's refusal following arrest late Monday to submit to fingerprinting at the county jail. Sheriff W. G. (Bud) Gray and Highway Patrol Investigator J. Y. Thomas both testified the defendant physically resisted fingerprinting and that physical force was required to obtain the prints.

Nix was tried in his absence on this count, at the request of his attorneys. They dismissed a plea of innocent and presented no witnesses.

On the other charges they entered no pleas. They said they would appeal on all counts. The other alleged offenses occured in Beat 2, that of J. P. Camp.

Nix was arrested by J. Y. Thomas and Ford O'Neal, also an investigator of the Highway Patrol, at 5 p.m. Monday at the intersection of U. S. 49 North and Interstate 59. They charged him with traveling at an unlawful rate of speed, making the wrong turn, carrying the weapon and resisting arrest. The weapon was, they said, a "chain jack," an item similar to a blackjack except that it consists of steel links attached to a rope handle. The business of the fingerprinting occurred shortly after they reached jail with him.

Officers said that Samuel Bowers, Imperial Wizard of Mississippi's White Knights, was in the car with Nix. No charges are on file aganst Bowers.

Justice of the Peace Leonard ordered that Nix be brought to Forrest county jail from Laurel, where his attorneys said he was either in bed ill at home or in a hospital.

The lawyers showed the court what they described as a sworn statement of a Laurel doctor who said Nix was unable to appear in court. Forrest county prosecutor James Dukes said the statement was inadequate, the doctor should have made an appearance. Leonard said that if defense counsel wished to file an appeal they would have to do it from the jail here.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3484)

DATE: 2/11/66

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RM - KLAN

The following investigation was conducted by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] at Laurel, Miss., on 2/11/66:

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About 6:00 P.M. Agents observed a 1963 Thunderbird and Volkswagen owned by DEAVOURS NIX parked in front of his residence, 325 N. 15th Ave. At 6:20 P.M. DEAVOURS NIX came out of his house and walked toward his Thunderbird, which was parked in his driveway. The Agents got out of their car, which was parked across the street from the house to the north of NIX's residence and walked toward NIX stating they wanted to talk to him. NIX stood by his car as the Agents approached. The Agents identified themselves to NIX and told him they would like to make arrangements to talk with him. The Agents advised NIX that he did not have to make any statement and any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. NIX interrupted and stated that he knew he had a right to consult his attorney, and he did not have to say one word, if he did not want to.

The Agents asked NIX for his whereabouts on 1/9/66 and the early morning of 1/10/66. NIX said, "Now you are asking me questions, and I do not want to answer any - but if you have something you want to tell me, go ahead - you want to talk." The Agents told NIX they knew he planned the job on DAHMER and that NIX gave his "OK" that the job should be done. NIX said, "OK, now you prove it - and make your arrests - I think the persons responsible should be arrested for this crime." The Agents told NIX that he should tell what he knew about the DAHMER fire bombing.

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NIX said that the FBI, instead of spending so much on that "nigger," should be out fighting Communism. He then stated that someone has been coming into his back yard, and he wanted to let the Agents know that if he ever caught anyone in his back yard, he would kill them. The Agents assured him they have never been in his back yard. NIX insisted that he had every right to protect his family.

The Agents asked NIX if he would go to the FBI office in Laurel with the Agents to continue the conversation so that they would not disturb his family. NIX replied, "Certainly not." NIX then said, "Let me see your credentials again," whereby the Agents then showed their credentials to NIX. NIX carefully read in a loud voice the names and credential numbers of the Agents and then went into an uncontrollable rage shouting and raving that the Agents had threatened his family. NIX also stated that if anything happened to his children or family, he would hold the Agents responsible. He then ordered the Agents off his property and called his wife, shouting, "Sybil, call the police." NIX, still in a rage, shouted at the top of his voice, "Go ahead, FBI, run, run. Why don't you wait for the police? You have used profane language and sworn at me. You have threatened my family, and you are disturbing my peace, and I am filing a complaint against you."

The Agents got off of NIX's property as he ordered but only went to the street and told NIX that they had no intentions of going any farther. NIX again shouted, "Go ahead, cowards, run. Why don't you wait for the police?"

It was then explained to NIX that the Agents had in no way threatened him, his wife, or his children in any manner. SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] had also used no profanity in his presence nor had they in any way disturbed his peace.

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NIX again turned to his wife and shouted, "Sybil, go ahead and call the police!" He also told her, "I want [redacted] called."

About 10 minutes later the police arrived, and NIX told them that he wanted "those 2 men (pointing to the Agents) arrested." Captain [redacted] Laurel PD, then asked NIX why he wanted the Agents arrested. NIX, still shouting so that everyone in the neighborhood could hear him, said "These men have threatened my family, used profane language, and they are disturbing my peace." The officers explained to NIX that he would have to go to police headquarters to sign necessary papers for the charges he was making and no arrest could be made on the spot. The police officers then left, and so did the Agents.

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Captain [redacted] suggested that the matter should be discussed in an area away from NIX's residence whereby the Agents agreed and drove one block away. The Agents explained to the officers that the charges made by NIX were unfounded and that NIX went into a rage as soon as he learned the names of the Agents. The officers said there should not be any problem and that NIX would have to go to police headquarters to sign papers on any charges that he would make.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON

DATE: 2/14/66

FROM : SA, [redacted]

SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RM-KLAN

This is to record the activity with regards to the trouble encountered by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on 2/11/66 at the time they tried to interview DEAVOURS NIX at his home 325 North 15th Ave, Laurel, Mississippi:

At 6:52 pm, SA [redacted] telephoned and advised that he and [redacted] had approached NIX when he arrived home and tried to talk with him in his drive-way. He was very nice at the beginning and after about five minutes he asked to see agents credentials and after looking at them went into a rage. He called his wife and told her to call the Police. He was loud and boisterous and continued to call to his wife to call the Police. He also ordered agents off his property. They left and sat in the car until the police squad car arrived. Captain [redacted] talked with NIX and was advised by NIX to arrest the agents. Captain [redacted] told him he could not do so without a warrant. Captain [redacted] then told NIX that if he wanted to take any further action he could go to the City Hall and file a complaint.

SA [redacted] states he then proceeded to the Laurel, Mississippi RA where he notified the SAC at Hattiesburg, Miss.

At 7:02 pm, Captain [redacted] PD, telephoned and advised about the same information as given by SA [redacted] He stated that NIX had just signed three affidavits two (2) of the affidavits charge [redacted] with disturbing the peace of affiant and others by coming on his property, shouting and screaming at the affiant. Also using public profanity in the presence of two or more persons, to wit: "God Dam". The other affidavit charges [redacted] with disturbing the peace, using the same language as in the [redacted] affidavit.

Captain [redacted] states he is not going to take any action on the affidavit until he talks with Chief [redacted] to determine what he desires. He later called back and advised that Chief [redacted] hold him to put the warrant under his door and he would handled it on 2/12/66.

On 2/12/66, [redacted] Laurel telephoned and stated he had the above mentioned warrants and wanted to know the identity of [redacted] and he was told that we had three [redacted] he then wanted to know the identity of [redacted] and he was advised that I did not know what [redacted] was in this area, however there was an agent by that name in Hattiesburg, Miss.

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[redacted] advised that he would report his findings to the effect that he could not identify the person charged in the affidavit and warrant. b6 b7C

ROY K. MOORE, SAC called from Hattiesburg, Mississippi and furnished information to be furnished to [redacted] about the warrants.

[redacted] was advised of the information received from SAC MOORE. Mayor [redacted] suggested that it might be better for the agents to come into city court and he would have the Judge dismiss the warrants since he, [redacted] figured the agents were not guilty and it would be good for the community if the case was tried in Laurel. He would then have charges filed against NIX for furnishing false information.

This information was furnished to SAC MOORE and he related that Mayor [redacted] had just called him and he, MOORE, told Mayor [redacted] the same information he had previoulsy asked to be relayed. He in addition suggested that Mayor [redacted] contact [redacted] Lt. [redacted] Governor, Laurel and [redacted] The Attorney General, State of Mississippi. Mr. MOORE suggested that I contact Lt. Gov. [redacted] and furnish the information that had been previously furnished to Mayor [redacted] b6 b7C

At 11:56 am, Lt. Gov. [redacted] was contacted by telephone and SAC MOORE'S message relayed. He advised that Mayor [redacted] had called him and he was of the opinion that, maybe, [redacted] was right in letting the local people handled the case so that they could let these elements know that the City and Local officials would handle any situation that would come up. He believes that this would be good public relations for the FBI. He was told that SAC MOORE had no intention of letting the case be heard in local court; that [redacted] a petition would be filed by the USA requesting that the case be removed to Federal Court and the Court would be asked to issue an injunction against further such arrest. Lt. Gov. [redacted] stated he would take no part of the proceedings at this time.

At 12:42 pm, DEAVOURS NIX, telephoned and wanted the FBI help in getting the agents back to Laurel for trial. He felt that the affidavits he had filed were legal and the FBI should honor them. He was told that no effort would be made to identify the agents involved and suggested that he make himself available for interview. He was told that Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER, would want to know all the facts about the charges against the agents. NIX stated that if the agents would return for trial all the facts would be brought out. He was told that this would not be sufficiant and it would be necessary for a personal interview be arranged. NIX stated he would not make himself available for interview unless he was served with a warrant or until the agents appeard for trial.

He metioned that the FBI Agents had interviewed an old lady (70 yrs old) who worked for him and she was very much upset. She has recently gotten out of the hospital with a heart attack and he [redacted] feels that the FBI, in interviewing her might cause another attack. He states the agents had no right to ask her if he had any "girl" friends or if his wife had any "boy" friends, further they had no right to ask if he had any prostitutes in the rooms over his cafe. NIX was told that if there was nothing wrong he, nor his wife had anything to fear. He was also told that if the lady (old) had nothing to hide, she had nothing to worry about.

The above contact was made known to SAC MOORE.

At 10:19 am, Detective [redacted] Identification Division, Police Department and [redacted] appeared at the Laurel Resident Agency and Detective [redacted] stated there were two warrants outstanding for one SA [redacted] charging disturbing the peace and using profane language. There is another warrant outstanding for one SA [redacted] (LNU) for disturbing the peace. Detective [redacted] had no further information or description regarding the above agents. He was told we had no agents by that name in the Laurel Resident Agency. He and [redacted] advised they would so notify the court that afternoon. b6 b7C

At 8:52 am, SAC ROY K. MOORE, Hattiesburg, Miss. telephoned and requested that two copies (each) of the affidavit and warrant be obtained and certified then forwarded to him at Hattiesburg. He also instructed that [redacted] be advised that the FBI will not submit the two agents, if identified, to arrest on the warrants. That if he, [redacted] insist on going through with the charges that to tell him that the USA will appear in behalf of the agents and petition that the charges be transferred to Federal Court. If the charges are dismissed the Government will then file same charges against the [redacted] plaintiff. The Judge will then issue an injunction against the Mayor, Chief of Police, the plaintiff's attorney and the plaintiff. (The charges will be for violation Section [redacted] Title 18 USC. b6 b7C

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At 9:08 am, the above information was furnished to [redacted] and he stated the necessary certified copies of the affidavit and warrant would be made available. He stated that he respected the judgement of SAC MOORE and was willing to abide by any decision he made. He later advised that NIX wanted to go through with the charges.

At 2:46 pm, [redacted] Detective [redacted] Identification Division, PD, advised that DEAVOURS NIX appeared at the PD at 1:25 pm with [redacted] and furnished a description of the agents, to assist in further identifying them. He advised that NIX added that that while talking with the agent he knows as [redacted] [redacted] this individual pointed his finger at NIX and when cautioned by NIX not to do this the agent remarked "you G--- D----, S.OBB, I'll point my finger at anybody I want to". b6 b7C

Detective [redacted] later advised that NIX furnished a badge number #4435 for the agent known as [redacted] (Note: This is the credential number for [redacted]

At 11:55 am, the certified copies of the complaints (affidavit) and warrants were made available by [redacted] City Clerk, Laurel, Miss. (These copies have been sent to SAC ROY K. MOORE). b6 b7C

NOTE: Any further action will be reported.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3484) DATE: 2/16/66

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RM - KLAN

On the afternoon of 2/16/66 SA's [redacted] and [redacted] observed the proceedings in the Forrest County Court Room. SA [redacted] obtained pertinent photographs during the proceedings. b6 b7C

Court was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by [redacted], Forrest County, and the proceedings were heard in the Forrest County Court Room. The presiding judge was JOHN D. LEONARD, Justice of the Peace, Beat 1. The case of the State of Mississippi vs. DEAVOURS NIX was brought before Judge LEONARD by County Attorney JAMES K. DUKES. The defendant's attorneys were [redacted] and [redacted] A motion was filed by Attorney [redacted] for a continuance claiming that his client, DEAVOURS NIX, was under treatment of a physician, and he produced a sworn signed statement by [redacted] (ph) and he stated the statement was notarized by Jones County Circuit Clerk [redacted] County Attorney DUKES objected at this point stating no proof had been presented that NIX was actually under physician's care and this was considered as hearsay evidence. He indicated that the physician should be present where he could be cross-examined by the County Attorney. Judge LEONARD overruled the motion made by [redacted] and ordered [redacted] to answer for NIX in his, NIX's, absence. [redacted] entered a plea of not guilty on behalf of NIX. b6 b7C

The charges were read against NIX as interfering with officers and refusing to be fingerprinted. Judge LEONARD then stated that [redacted] should have had his client present in court, and he stated the bond that had been set b6 b7C

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for his appearance was then being forfeited. He stated that the State of Mississippi should call their first witness.

[redacted] Investigator, MHSP, was called by County Attorney DUKES and upon questioning, [redacted] stated that he assisted in the arrest of NIX and after the arrest he was taken to the Forrest County Jail. He said NIX refused to be fingerprinted and the State of Mississippi law concerning fingerprinting of arrested persons was read to NIX by the County Attorney. NIX was asked to read the statutes himself, but he refused.

Upon cross-examination, NIX's attorney asked Investigator [redacted] if [redacted] FBI Agent, and [redacted] FBI Agent, were present in the Forrest County Jail at the time he was fingerprinted. Mr. DUKES objected to this line of questioning. Judge LEONARD asked the attorney why he was asking these questions. The attorney stated he wanted to show that others were present during the fingerprinting. The objection was sustained. The attorney then asked, "Was [redacted] present at any time?" [redacted] answered, "Yes," but said he did not see [redacted] before NIX was fingerprinted. He then asked, "Did you see anyone kick or beat Mr. NIX?" [redacted] answered, "No," but the judge stated to [redacted] that he did not have to answer that question. The attorney then asked if NIX had requested an attorney, and [redacted] answered that he had so advised NIX that he had a right to consult an attorney and that Sheriff [redacted] had also advised NIX that he had a right to an attorney.

[redacted], Forrest County, was then called by the State as a witness, and [redacted] testified that on the afternoon of 2/14/66 DEAVOURS NIX was brought to the Forrest County Jail by Investigator [redacted] and other MHSP officers. He testified that NIX refused to be fingerprinted and he was informed of the State laws concerning fingerprinting of arrested subjects by [redacted] and County Attorney DUKES.

NIX was asked to read the law himself, but he refused. He stated NIX physically resisted to be fingerprinted.

Upon cross-examination [redacted] was asked what time NIX was brought to the Forrest County Jail. [redacted] answered, "Around 5:00 P.M." The attorney then asked "Did he ask for an attorney?" and [redacted] replied that he did not recall. Sheriff [redacted] was then questioned how NIX refused to be fingerprinted. [redacted] stated that he physically refused and he "caught him by the arm and took him to the board." He was then fingerprinted by Investigator [redacted] was then asked, "Did NIX request an attorney to advise him whether he had to be fingerprinted?" The answer was no.

The State of Mississippi then stated they had no other witnesses, and Attorney [redacted] stated he had no further witnesses or questions.

Judge LEONARD stated that in view of the testimony by the State he had no alternative but to find NIX guilty and he would be fined $150 and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Judge LEONARD stated that if the attorneys for the defendant intended to appeal his sentence, they should bring their client and have him placed in the Forrest County Jail at the time the trial would begin.

Court was then called to order by [redacted] and the presiding judge was TOM C. CAMP, Justice of the Peace, Beat 2. The case of the State of Mississippi Vs. DEAVOURS NIX was called by County Attorney JAMES K. DUKES. Attorney [redacted] stated that his client was ill and he could not attend the court proceedings. He told the court he had a sworn statement signed by [redacted] (ph) and notarized by the Jones County Circuit Clerk LEONARD CAVES that his client was seriously ill and could not attend. DUKES then stated that this was not supported by proper evidence and the State had the right to cross-examine the doctor. He stated the physician should be present in court as this is hearsay evidence. DUKES stated that in view of the fact NIX was not present in court, the State would ask that his bond be forfeited. The defense attorney stated that he, speaking in behalf of his client, did not want to proceed in the absence of NIX. The judge then asked that DEAVOURS NIX be called, and [redacted] called for NIX, and NIX did not appear in the court room. The charges were then read and [redacted] said he was not going to plea

and they would forfeit bond. The judge stated the bond was then forfeited.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3484) DATE: 2/17/66

FROM : SA [redacted] (E) b6 b7C

SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

OO: Jackson b6 b7C

On February 17, 1966, [redacted] Standard Oil Station, [redacted] advised that he is personal acquainted with [redacted] and he knows DEAVOURS NIX of Laurel by sight.

[redacted] said that shortly after noon on about 2/15/66, [redacted] drove into his station and purchased $5.00 worth of gasoline. He was driving a green Mercury at the time and paid for the purchase with cash. In the car with him at the time was DEAVOURS NIX and an unknown white male, young, with blond hair and wearing a western style jacket. This was not [redacted] who is known to [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] said that [redacted] did not indicate his reason for being in Laurel. b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 9, 1966

DEAVOURS NIX, 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, was telephonically contacted by SA [redacted] at John's Cafe, 116 Teresa Street, Laurel, Mississippi, which is owned by NIX. NIX was asked by SA [redacted] if an arrangement could be made for an appointment with him to come to the FBI office in Laurel or if Agents could make arrangements to see him at his residence. NIX asked, "Do you have a warrant?" He was advised that SA [redacted] did not have a warrant. He said, "I will never talk with you or any other FBI Agent unless you can show me a warrant." He said he has no reason whatsoever to talk with Agents and at that time he terminated the conversation.

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On 2/8/66 at Laurel, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-3484-60
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by SA [redacted] mnr Date dictated 2/8/66

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Date 2/12/66

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She said she could furnish no information whatsoever concerning Klan activities on the part of NIX. She is aware that recently his photograph was in the newspapers indicating he had been called before a committee in Washington, D. C., to testify concerning the Ku Klux Klan.

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[redacted]

On 2/11/66 at Laurel, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-3484-61
Jackson 44-1512

by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 2/12/66

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 10, 1966

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On February 9, 1966, at 11:27 P.M. SA's [redacted] and [redacted] observed a 1963 white over blue Thunderbird bearing 1966 Mississippi license KD-2312, parked in front of the office of [redacted] It was observed that a 1940 black Ford bearing 1966 Mississippi license K-7671 was parked directly across the street from the office of [redacted] The 1963 Thunderbird is registered to DEAVOURS NIX, and the 1940 black Ford is registered to [redacted]

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At 11:56 A.M. [redacted] was observed leaving his office and left in an automobile. He was subsequently followed by [redacted] and DEAVOURS NIX, who both entered their automobiles. They then traveled to John's Cafe, 116 Teresa Street, Laurel, which is owned and operated by DEAVOURS NIX.

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It is noted that one [redacted] also was observed along with three white males leaving the office of [redacted] and the four white males entered a 1963 Super 88 Oldsmobile, white in color, bearing 1966 Mississippi license 64D-388.

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Jackson 157-18
Jackson 157-3484

On 2/9/66 at Laurel, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-1512

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] mnr Date dictated 2/9/66

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3484) DATE: 2/21/66

FROM : SA [redacted] (P) b6 b7C

SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

Father is deceased. I think that the mother is also.

OO: Jackson

Previous investigation has shown that GEORGE E. NIX, owner of Nick's Steak House 1030 Ellisville Boulevard, Laurel, Mississippi, is the father of DEAVOURS NIX.

The current Laurel city directory shows GEORGE E. NIX residing at 308 North 17th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi.

On February 21, 1966, the records of the Jones County Sheriff's Office, Laurel, Mississippi, reflected that license number MD 3283 was issued to GEORGE E. NIX, 1030 Ellisville Boulevard, Laurel, Miss. for a 1966 Buick, white in color.

On February 21, 1966, the marriage records of the Circuit Clerk's Office, Laurel, Mississippi, reflected the following information:

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The current Laurel, Mississippi, city directory lists [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3484) DATE: 2/22/66

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RM - KLAN

During the afternoon of 2/21/66 SA's [redacted] and [redacted] were conducting a fisur of DEAVOURS NIX's residence, 325 N. 15th Ave., Laurel, Miss. The Agents were several blocks from NIX's residence on the west side of Highway 15, which is a busy 4-lane highway. At approximately 2:55 P.M. a city police car stopped beside the car the Agents were in, and 2 officers jumped out and said, "Which one of you is [redacted] We have a warrant for his arrest." The officers were told that [redacted] was not in the car. The officers then requested to verify this by seeing the credentials of the Agents. The Agents showed their credentials, and the officers then said they received a call stating that [redacted] was in the area. The officers then left.

The Agents then drove to the Resident Agency at Laurel. Another unit was on the scene to continue the fisur of NIX's residence. SA [redacted] then telephoned SAC ROY K. MOORE and advised him of the above facts. The SAC instructed t the Agents should contact [redacted] and determ the status of the warrants regarding any of the FBI Agen since the question of the warrants had supposedly been resolved.

SA's [redacted] and [redacted] went to the Laurel Police Department to see [redacted] The above incident was related to [redacted] and [redacted] was told by SA [redacted] in no uncertain terms that the Agents had no intentions of submitting to any warrants by the Laurel Police Department for any FBI Agent. It was also made crystal clear to [redacted] that if any

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officer of the Laurel Police Department attempted to serve a warrant on an FBI Agent, such attempt would be construed as interfering with official duties and the officer in turn would have to be arrested. [redacted] was further told that the Agents had just related this incident to SAC MOORE and the above procedures were the instructions of the SAC. It was pointed out to [redacted] that if his officers were instructed to serve warrants on the Agents and the Agents in turn were instructed to refuse such service, the result would be an impossible situation which should not occur; and, therefore, this situation must be discussed as to what specific action would be taken by the Laurel Police Department should the officers actually be confronted with the Agents for whom warrants are issued.

[redacted] advised that he did not think this situation would come about, but, if it should, the officers would have to be faced with the problem of actually making an arrest. [redacted] was told that this is a very real problem and the situation could come about at any time since the Agents for whom warrants are issued are working in Laurel and intend to continue working in Laurel. [redacted] was also told that as a matter of fact, [redacted] could very conceivably come back to Laurel and work. [redacted] said he would have to follow the orders of the city attorneys and, as far as he knew, the orders were the warrants would have to be executed.

[redacted] was then told that we should perhaps discu[redacted] this matter with [redacted] and city attorneys so it can once and forever resolved, and there would be no questio[redacted] in anyone's mind as to what would follow should the situation arise. [redacted] then called the Mayor and attempted to contact the city attorneys. The city attorneys could not be located; however, Mayor [redacted] arrived at the Chief's office.

The problem as related above was explained to the [redacted] who thought the best procedure would be for the Agents to honor the warrants and appear in court where the [redacted] would be the presiding officer and if the allegations were found to be untrue, DEAVOURS NIX, the complainant, could then be tried for perjury for swearing out a false and untrue complaint.

[redacted] was again told, so there would be no mistake in his mind, that the Agents had no intentions in submitting to the warrants and any attempt would be construed as interfering with official duties. [redacted] then said that he had no alternative but to see that the warrants were executed unless an injunction, or some other law, prohibited him from doing so. [redacted] indicated that he did not want to be involved in any riff with the Federal Government and that the Klan would like nothing better than to b6 e a split between local officers and Federal Agents, but h b7C by the same token, felt obligated to see that the warran-- were executed.

[redacted] then called Judge LUNSFORD CASEY, a Circuit Judge of Jones County, Mississippi, for an unofficial legal opinion. After the conversation with Judge CASEY, the [redacted] said that the judge thought this incident would be similar to the one at Ole Miss several years ago when local officers attempted to serve a warrant on Chief U. S. Marshal JAMES MC SHAIN. He explained in this situation MC SHAIN refused to accept the warrant and it was construed that he was verbally served and not physically restrained. In such a situation, the defendant would then be tried in absentia.

[redacted] thought that this would be a good idea and that the Agents should be verbally served rather than physically arrested and they could be tried in absentia and represented by any legal counsel the Government would appoint, in which case he thought it would then be transferred to Federal Court.

[redacted] then telephonically contacted SAC ROY K. MOORE and advised him that he thought this would be a good course of action. After the telephone conversation with SAC MOORE, [redacted] related that this plan was also unacceptable to the Federal Government.

[redacted] then called JOE PATTERSON, Attorney General for the State of Mississippi, and requested his advice on this matter. After this conversation the Mayor related that the Attorney General thought that the procedure used at Ole Miss on the Chief U. S. Marshal might be an answer but refused to definitely commit himself since he is in the political arena and did not want to get involved.

By this time [redacted] and 5 other police officers were also in the office listening to the conversation. The [redacted] again related he thought the best plan would be for the Agents to be tried in court with [redacted] as the presiding officer; however, he agreed that a verbal service of the warrant might be the best answer and thought this should be done. He then said he had no recourse but to do this.

The Mayor then pointed to one of the officers in the room and said, "You were at DEAVOURS NIX's residence at the time NIX made the complaint regarding the Agents, and you knew who those 2 agents are, and they should be arrested!" This police officer did not make any comment to the Mayor's remarks, and I am sure that he recognized that I was one of the Agents named in the complaint.

[redacted] then related that he could not see how a verbal service of the warrant could be construed as interfering with official duties of any FBI Agent. SA [redacted] quickly pointed out to [redacted] that the situation could easily be

construed as interfering with official duties and an example of such a situation would be for the Agents to be on a discreet surveillance. [redacted] then said he still had no alternative but to see that the warrants were executed and would so instruct the Police Department; however, he would advise them that there is to be no physical contact and the service of the warrants would be verbal, whereby the Agents could refuse and they in turn would be tried in absentia. b6 b7C

SA [redacted] then told [redacted] that actually nothing had been resolved except the way the warrants were to be served. [redacted] agreed. The conference was then terminated, and the Agents thanked [redacted] for their time and left. b6 b7C

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Deavours Nix Placed In Jail

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Deavours Nix, who has been identified by the House Un-American Activities Investigating Committee, as a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was jailed here Tuesday by Forrest County Sheriff W. G. (Bud) Gray, who said he took Nix into custody in his home town of Laurel, after serving warrants charging the man with carrying concealed weapons, speeding, and resisting an officer.

Nix was arrested near Hattiesburg Feb. 14 by Highway Patrol Investigators and charged with five misdemeanors.

He failed to appear Feb. 16 at a hearing before Justices of the Peace John Leonard and Tom Camp. Bonds totaling $1200 were forfeited and Leonard sentenced Nix to 30 days in jail and fined him $100 on one of two counts of resisting arrest. Since that time he has been reported hospitalized in Laurel.

Rex Jones, of Hattiesburg, one of Nix's attorneys, said he plans to file today a writ of habeas corpus for his client.

Jones said he was taking action because he believed Nix is being held unlawfully.

County Prosecuting Attorney James Dukes said he was not aware of any of the legal maneuvers being taken by Jones and that he and District Attorney James Finch would "have to wait and see what develops."

Tuesday, County Judge William Haralson set 9 a.m. Friday as the time for a hearing for Nix in connection with an appeal petition and an appeal bond.

Haralson's order was issued as the result of a request filed by Jones who seeks to appeal on all five counts.

The judge's order also grants suspension of further proceedings in the Justice of Peace courts until Friday's hearing is completed.

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— Laurel Leader Call

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Date February 12, 1966

About 6:00 P.M. Agents observed a 1963 Thunderbird and Volkswagen owned by DEAVOURS NIX parked in front of his residence, 325 North 15th Avenue. At 6:20 P.M. DEAVOURS NIX came out of his house and walked toward his Thunderbird, which was parked in his driveway. The Agents got out of their car, which was parked across the street from the house to the north of NIX's residence and walked toward NIX stating they wanted to talk to him. NIX stood by his car as the Agents approached. The Agents identified themselves to NIX and told him they would like to make arrangements to talk with him. The Agents advised NIX that he did not have to make any statement and any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. NIX interrupted and stated that he knew he had a right to consult his attorney, and he did not have to say one word, if he did not want to.

The Agents asked NIX for his whereabouts on January 9, 1966, and the early morning of January 10, 1966. NIX said, "Now you are asking me questions, and I do not want to answer any - but if you have something you want to tell me, go ahead - you want to talk." The Agents told NIX they knew he planned the job on VERNON DAHMER and that NIX gave his "OK" that the job should be done. NIX said, "OK, now you prove it - and make your arrests - I think the persons responsible should be arrested for this crime." The Agents told NIX that he should tell what he knew about the DAHMER fire bombing.

NIX said that the FBI, instead of spending so much on that "nigger," should be out fighting Communism. He then stated that someone has been coming into his back yard, and he wanted to let the Agents know that if he ever caught anyone in his back yard, he would kill them. The Agents assured him they have never been in his back yard. NIX insisted that he had every right to protect his family.

On 2/11/66 at Laurel, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-3484-69

SA [redacted] and

by SA [redacted] :mnr Date dictated 2/11/66

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The Agents asked NIX if he would go to the FBI office in Laurel with the Agents to continue the conversation so that they would not disturb his family. NIX replied, "Certainly not." NIX then said, "Let me see your credentials again," whereby the Agents then showed their credentials to NIX. NIX carefully read in a loud voice the names and credential numbers of the Agents and then went into an uncontrollable rage shouting and raving that the Agents had threatened his family. NIX also stated that if anything happened to his children or family, he would hold the Agents responsible. He then ordered the Agents off his property and called his wife, shouting, "SYBIL, call the police." NIX, still in a rage, shouted at the top of his voice, "Go ahead, FBI, run, run. Why don't you wait for the police? You have used profane language and sworn at me. You have threatened my family, and you are disturbing my peace, and I am filing a complaint against you."

The Agents got off of NIX's property, as he ordered, but only went to the street and told NIX that they had no intentions of going any farther. NIX again shouted, "Go ahead, cowards, run. Why don't you wait for the police?"

It was then explained to NIX that the Agents had in no way threatened him, his wife, or his children in any manner. SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] had also used no profanity in his presence nor had they in any way disturbed his peace. b6 b7C

NIX again turned to his wife and shouted, "SYBIL, go ahead and call the police!" He also told her, "I want [redacted] called." b6 b7C

About ten minutes later the police arrived, and NIX told them that he wanted "those two men (pointing to the Agents) arrested." Captain [redacted] Laurel Police Department, then asked NIX why he wanted the Agents arrested. NIX, still shouting so that everyone in the neighborhood could hear him, said, "These men have threatened my family, used profane language, and they are disturbing my peace." The officers explained to b6 b7C

NIX that he would have to go to police headquarters to sign necessary papers for the charges he was making and no arrest could be made on the spot. The police officers then left, and so did the Agents.

Captain [redacted] suggested that the matter should be discussed in an area away from NIX's residence whereby the Agents agreed and drove one block away. The Agents explained to the officers that the charges made by NIX were unfounded and that NIX went into a rage as soon as he learned the names of the Agents. The officers said there should not be any problem and that NIX would have to go to police headquarters to sign papers on any charges that he would make.

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Nix Given Fine, Slates Appeal

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — A total of $337 in fines and a 30-day jail sentence on four misdemeanor charges were assessed Wednesday afternoon against Deavours Nix, Laurel restaurant operator, identified by the House Un-American Activities Committee as a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Nix was taken into custody Tuesday in Laurel by Forrest County Sheriff W. G. (Bud) Gray. He pleaded nolo contendere before Justice of the Peace Tom Camp to charges of speeding, improper turns, resisting arrest and carrying a concealed weapon.

A fifth charge of resisting arrest was heard here Feb. 15 before Justice of the Peace John Leonard. Nix failed to appear at that time and a $150 fine and 30-day jail sentence were imposed.

Following the court hearing Wednesday Nix's attorneys announced all five cases are being appealed. The defendant was released after posting a $2,500 bond.

Charges against Nix were originally filed by State Highway Patrol Investigators. After he failed to show in the first hearing bonds totaling $1,200 were forfeited. Since that time, until Tuesday, he was reported being in a Laurel hospital.

Tuesday, County Judge William Haralson set 9 a.m. Friday for a hearing of earlier appeals.

Presumably the Wednesday court action was an attempt to consolidate all cases so Judge Haralson may act on them at the same time.



NIX AND ATTORNEY ON WAY TO COURT
Charles Blackwell Accompanies Accused Klansman

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THE LEADER CALL

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On 2/25/66 [redacted] advised SA's [redacted] and [redacted] that he had been contacted at his place of business, [redacted] on 2/24/66 by DEAVOURS NIX. NIX advised [redacted] that he, NIX, was building up a tremendous case against the Federal Government in which the Federal Government would be accused of having whipped and tortured him. [redacted] stated that NIX did not elaborate further concerning this case. NIX advised [redacted] that he, NIX, had sent a man to [redacted] in order to have [redacted] notarize an affidavit which NIX had put out but the man went to the office of [redacted], instead.

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SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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On 2/16/66, Special Agents [redacted] b6 and [redacted] interviewed subject's [redacted] b7C [redacted] She stated that she received a divorce decree from subject last week, but still goes under the name [redacted]

She stated that she has been separated from subject for about one year; the only time she sees subject is when he comes to her residence once a month in order to take their two children out. Visiting rights have been granted for subject to have the children on one weekend a month.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] has been a member of the Klan; however, she does not know his present activities due to their long separation. She stated that subject, before their separation, was gone from their home several nights a week. She stated that subject, on these nights, was at some Klan activity. Occasionally, she advised, subject met with Klan members outside their home which at the time was in [redacted] These meetings were always conducted in automobiles, never at their home. The only Klan associates of [redacted] whose names she knew were [redacted] and (FNU) [redacted] all, she advised, reside in the [redacted] area. [redacted] advised that she considers subject to be a "hot head." She stated that subject being a Klan member played a large part in the termination of their marriage. b6 b7C

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[redacted] stated that subject is presently dating a [redacted] She advised that she does not know anything regarding the background of [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] and the mother of DEVOURS NIX are first cousins.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-31694)
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN,
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (44-1512) (P)

SUBJECT: DABURN

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau dated 2/16/66.

On 2/23/66 DEAVOURS NIX appeared before Justice of the Peace TOM CAMP, Forrest County, Miss., at Hattiesburg, Miss., and entered a plea of nolo contendere to the following described charges to which he was found guilty and sentenced to $17 and costs on the charge of speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph zone, fined $20 and costs on the charge of making an improper turn, fined $150 and costs on the charge of resisting arrest, and $150 along with 30 days in jail and costs on the charge of carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

On 2/21/66 [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] M.C.B. Business Services, Laurel, Miss., related that on approximately 2/15/66 DEAVOURS NIX brought to her the following affidavit and requested she reproduce 2200 copies for him. She related she reproduced 2200 copies of the affidavit which was picked up on 2/19/66 by an unknown white male. The affidavit is set out as follows:

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"SWORN STATEMENT OF DEAVOURS NIX, A WHITE, CHRISTIAN, CITIZEN OF THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND RESIDENT OF LAUREL, MISS.

"On Firday, February 11, 1966, at about 6:30 PM, after dark, I walked out of the front door of my residence on 15th Avenue in Laurel, Mississippi to get in my automobile, which was parked in my driveway. As I was unlocking my car door, I heard someone shout from across the street, 'Hey, Deavours.' I looked up and two men immediately jumped out of a turquoise colored 1963 Plymouth, which was parked across the street from my house. They both crossed the street at a fast walk, toward me, and entered my front yard and driveway without my permission. The taller of the two spoke first to me in a harsh, stern voice, and said, 'We want to talk to you.' I replied, 'So, you want to talk to me.' The smaller of the two snarled, 'We have been waiting to get you for a long time.' The other one made the first of several veiled threats against my wife and three children. The first one then demanded that I account for my whereabouts on the night of the bombing of the Damer nigger's house in Hattiesburg.

"I immediately pointed out to these men that they were operating under false pretense, and were trying to question me rather than talk to me, which is what they had promised to do when they first walked up to me on my property. In addition, I pointed out that I did not know either of them personally and that they had failed to identify themselves to me. They then produced some card

folders from out of their pockets which identified them as special agents [redacted] (the taller of the two), and [redacted] #4435, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. b6 b7C

"When I found out that these men were FBI men, I immediately informed them that I did not trust them, and that I was afraid of them and that I wanted them to leave my property immediately. I told them that I beleived that they had masterminded a plot which caused dynamite to be planted in a Laurel citizen's car only last week, and that I was not going to have anything to do with anyone that would do a thing like that. [redacted] then threatened to sue me for that statement, and I replied, 'I don't care about that because I know it is the truth.' He then said, 'You had better be careful, because something might happen to your wife and three children.' When he said that I told him that was the second time that he had threatened my wife and children, and if anything did happen to my family, I would hold them personally responsible. b6 b7C

"When he realized that he had committed a felony by threatening the personal safety of my wife and children, [redacted] then assaulted me by shaking his finger right in my face, and attempting to bluster, deny and frighten me all at the same time. I told him to take his finger out of my face and [redacted] then started cursing and said, 'You G__D__S__O__B__, I'll shake my finger at who I D__ well please. b6 b7C

"Whereupon, I informed him that he had committed a crime against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi, and immediately I turned to the front

door of my house where my wife and son were standing and listening, and told them to call the police immediately. The two FBI men then hurried back toward their car across the street, and I challenged them to be honest for a change and wait for the police to arrive. The City Policeman who arrived were Captain [redacted] and Patrolman [redacted] I told them what had happened and told them that I wanted these two violators arrested and charged with disturbing the peace and threatening my wife and children and using profane language in public. The city policemen were nervous and appeared to be afraid of the FBI men. The city policemen were reluctant to take the FBI men into custody, which, of course they were supposed to do. b6 b7C

"Finally, when I saw that the city policemen were not going to do anything, I left immediately for the city hall and arriving there, I swore out affidavits against the two violators, and formally charged them with the crimes which they had committed.

"On the morning of Saturday, February 12, 1966, just before noon, I called the Laurel Police Department to find out what had been done about the case. I was told by the lady desk clerk that [redacted] and [redacted] had escaped and could no longer be found in the city of Laurel. She also told me that my sworn complaints were in the hands of Police Chief, [redacted] b6 b7C

"Then I called [redacted] the head FBI man in Laurel. I asked him to assist the Laurel Police in bringing [redacted] and [redacted] to justice. [redacted] was very evasive and tried to suggest that he and I get together and 'talk this thing out'. I informed [redacted] that these men had committed several crimes and b6 b7C

that the judge was the proper man to hear the case. I do not believe that it is either lawful or proper to have secret discussions about crimes. I feel that the maintenence of law and order in our community requires that the law be enforced without fear of favor.

"There is no doubt in my mind or the mind of any informed person in Laurel, that this community is swarming with a large number of arrogant and violent men in the FBI service. These men are openly contemptous of law and obey only some clandestine code of their own, by which they secretly protect each other from prosecution. They are so well financed and organized that our honest local police live in terror of them.

"I am well aware of the power of these men and also the brutality of these men with the FBI, and I am afraid of them, but I will not remain silent and see our American institution of equal justice under law destroyed without exposing those who work against it, regardless of their position or power.

"I am very sorry about the bombing of the Dawer nigger, as are all law abiding citizen's of Mississippi. I do not know anything about the case and would be willing to help if I could, but until this unconstitutional civil rights business is brought under control, and the National Police quit messing around in our local affairs and preventing our local police from enforcing the law, I am not going to talk to anyone about anything even remotely connected with civil rights.

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"I hope that the publication of this will help to inform the people of America of the danger which exists in a National Police force. If it does, then the humilation and sacrifice to which I may be subjected to may not be in vain.

"With charity for all, and malice toward none, I shall always remain a peaceful and loyal citizen of Mississippi and America.

/s/ Deavours Nix
DEAVOURS NIX

"Deavours Nix personally appeared before me the undersigned authority, who first being dully sworn, states under oath that the foregoing is a true and correct representation of the events described, and the facts therein and did affix his signature in my presence this the 14 day of February, 1966, in Laurel, Mississippi.

[redacted] Chancery Clerk
JONES COUNTY, MISS.
BY /s/ [redacted] D.C.
NOTARY PUBLIC

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"My commission expires: 1/1/68"

The allegations by NIX are totally unfounded and SA's [redacted] and [redacted] who are concerned in this matter, categorically deny the allegations made by NIX.

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The Jackson Division at the present time is not aware of the intended dissemination of this affidavit by NIX; however, it is anticipated that copies will be distributed by NIX and other members of the WKKKKOM in the Jones County and Forrest County, Miss., areas. The Jackson

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Division plans to take no action to refute this affidavit as it is believed any comment will only add dignity to this statement. The only alternative would be a public statement by the SAC, which is not deemed advisable, UACB.

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Nix Files Full Appeal

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Attorney Rex Jones said Friday all five misdemeanor charges against Deavours Nix, of Laurel have been appealed to the Forrest County Court and the case will probably be tried before a jury in late March.

Jones said a hearing scheduled for Friday before County Judge William Haralson to hear arguments for appeals of convictions and bonds, is no longer necessary in light of developments.

Nix, identified by the House Un-American Activities Committee, as a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, has posted appeal bonds totaling $2,500.

He is charged with two counts of resisting arrest, one of carrying a concealed weapon, speeding and making an improper turn.

In Justice of Peace Court, he drew fines totaling $487 and 60 days in jail sentences. He pleaded innocent to charges of resisting arrest and entered a nolo contendere plea to other charges.

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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

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   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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NON-PROSECUTIVE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY REPORT

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Report of SA [redacted] 10/27/65 at Jackson.

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AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with informants concerning subject's activities.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

DEAVOURS NIX has been investigated in connection with the burning and shooting into the residence of VERNON DAHMER at Hattiesburg, Miss., on 1/10/66. Therefore, this report should be held in abeyance until completion of the DAHMER case as dissemination of any information at this time might jeopardize prosecution of the DAHMER case.

It is anticipated that the subject will be arrested in connection with his participation in the DAHMER case. Information concerning the subject in connection with the DAHMER incident is in the details of this report.

On October 26, 1965, Investigator [redacted] House Committee on Un-American Activities, located [redacted] at Stassi's Cafe, Commerce Street, Laurel, Miss., and served him with a subpoena to appear before this committee in Washington, D.C. in mid-November, 1965. Shortly after this, DEAVOURS NIX was observed in the area of Stassi's Cafe with a camera attempting to photograph Agents.

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Several hours thereafter, a telephone call was received by SA [redacted] at the FBI Office, Laurel, Miss., from a man who identified himself as [redacted] an attorney associated with [redacted] This person asked for SA [redacted] He said that he was representing DEAVOURS NIX, who was then in his office. NIX had advised him that he believed that the FBI was trying to contact him and wanted to make himself available in the future through his attorney.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 15, 1966

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DEAVOURS NIX, 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, was photographed at the Forrest County Jail, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on February 14, 1966, by SA [redacted] assisted by SA [redacted] NIX became very abusive toward the Agents as well as Investigator [redacted] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, who was present during the photographing. NIX was advised by SA [redacted] that he did not have to make a statement but any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised he had the right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement. b6 b7C

NIX stated he intended to consult his attorney, and he intended to file suit against the Federal Government, the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, and the officials of Forrest County, Mississippi, because he did not want to be photographed or fingerprinted by the local officials.

He pointed toward SA's [redacted] and [redacted] and stated, "You men are fugitives from justice in view of the fact I have filed a complaint at Laurel, Mississippi, against you two and there are warrants outstanding for your arrest." NIX was reminded that the charges he had filed were completely without foundation and the Agents did not intend to discuss the matter with him. He said, "You have certainly not returned to Laurel, Mississippi, because you are afraid of being arrested on my complaint." He was told the Agents had been working in Laurel, Mississippi, on a daily basis since he had filed his complaint. b6 b7C b6 b7C

NIX stated he would not discuss his activities or personal life in any way with the officers. He stated that he and [redacted] had traveled to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to contact [redacted] a radio broadcasting official, in order for him to purchase advertisement time on [redacted] radio station in Hattiesburg. He stated the advertisement was for his, NIX's, cafe located at Laurel. He stated he would make no other statements.

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Date February 17, 1966

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[redacted] WBKH Radio Stat Hattiesburg, Mississippi, appeared at the FBI office at 8:30 and announced that he wanted to see SA [redacted] Upon meeting SA [redacted] said he wanted to discuss a matter and since the room contained a number of FBI Agents he wanted to make a statement in front of all of the FBI to set the record straight concerning the visit he had that afternoon at his radio station by DEAVOURS NIX and [redacted] appeared highly excited, distressed, and became very loud in his speech beginning with a statement to the effect that he was coming to the FBI because of a fear that his Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license may be revoked if the FBI or law enforcement authorities thought he was associated with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM).

[redacted] then related that upon his arrival at his office at about 4:30 P.M. at the WBKH Radio Station on Bay Street in Hattiesburg, he noted a car parked across the street with two individuals seated in the car. He said he placed no significance in this observation at the time, however, upon entering his office [redacted] said very excitedly that, "We have a lot of company out there. There are a lot of FBI men around here." He said at that point he remembered the two men he observed in the car parked out front but still did not know exactly what was going on. [redacted]

to him. He said this was the first time in his life that he had ever met DEAVOURS NIX and [redacted] but immediately recognized their names and the fact that they were the individuals who had been to Washington, D. C., and had appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in connection with the Ku Klux Klan investigation. He said the first thought

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He said he would appreciate if the FBI would interview [redacted] as well as [redacted] in order to substantiate what he was telling the FBI. He said he had no knowledge they were coming to his radio station and again emphasized that he had never met NIX and [redacted] before this date.

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His attention was directed to activities approximately one and a half years ago but refused to answer any question claiming that he had no information which would be of value to the FBI. He said, "I'll be honest with you on this one point. If I knew anything as to the DAHMER case, I would help you."

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[redacted] referred to one [redacted] and [redacted] as two people from [redacted] who disliked him and as being in the vicinity of his radio station around 4:30 P.M. when he arrived there on this date, and he disliked the fact that they were around and wanted to know why the FBI had involved them in this matter. It was pointed out to [redacted] that these individuals were not with the FBI and were unknown to the Agents in this investigation.

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[redacted] raised another question regarding [redacted] who owns 50% of the stock in WBKH, [redacted] who owns 12% of the stock in WBKH, [redacted] who owns 12% of the stock in this radio station, and [redacted] who is [redacted]

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made by the FBI with the above named individuals regarding [redacted] and that the FBI did not inform the public of any information they had gathered on individuals since this was confidential. [redacted] radio station and the above named individuals were putting the pressure on him because of his alleged connection with the Klan. b6 b7C

[redacted] He said at no time had he ever observed [redacted] in the company of [redacted] He continued to state that he had never seen [redacted] before this date other than photographs he had observed in the newspapers. b6 b7C

At the conclusion of the interview [redacted] said he would think over the idea of revealing the information concerning [redacted] past and would contact the FBI should he decide to furnish any other information. b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 2/16/66

[redacted] WDAM TV, Laurel-Hattiesburg, Mississippi, advised as follows:

On this date [redacted] Attorney for DEAVOURS NIX, furnished the following prepared statement to [redacted]

"It was a tragedy that the great and dignified judicial process system of the State of Mississippi was being twisted by foolish and selfish politicians to serve the unholy cause of [redacted] as he works to destroy our State sovereignty and racial integrity. Sheriff [redacted] and the State Bureau Investigators are being used as tools of the FBI to harass and persecute the white citizens of Mississippi who refuse to bow to national dictatorship. This has been a shameful bid to curry favor with the Negro voters. It is inconceivable to me that one man could mistreat another as Sheriff [redacted] has done me while I was his prisoner. The people of Forrest County should take a close and serious look at the conduct of these officials and discover whether they are representing the people who elect them or are they representing the national dictatorship which is promoting racial revolution in Mississippi. My arrest stemmed directly from warrants that I had issued in Jones County for the arrest of two FBI Agents who had threatened the personal safety of my wife and children. I didn't think such things could happen in the United States. This only goes to show what can and will happen to a citizen that refuses to bow to LYNDON JOHNSON and MARTIN LUTHER KING."

[redacted] advised that NIX's attorney, [redacted] made the following statement to him at the time the above statement was furnished:

"In an appeal planned for DEAVOURS NIX, he intends to show the arrest was part of a plot carried out by the Attorney General's office through the FBI. What started out as an insignificant traffic violation may well turn

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out to be one of the most shocking cases in Mississippi history since Reconstruction days."

[redacted] stated that [redacted] anticipates using the following as witnesses in connection with his appeal: FBI Agents [redacted] and [redacted] Mississippi Highway Patrol; Lieutenant Governor CARROLL GARTIN; and TRAVIS BUCKLEY, County Attorney, Jasper County, who resides Louin, Mississippi.

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[redacted] advised that the above prepared statement by NIX and the statement made by Attorney [redacted] were furnished to him after the trial of NIX held in Justice of the Peace Court of Districts One and Two in Forrest County on February 16, 1966.

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Date 2/21/66

[redacted] advised she is employed as a [redacted] for radio station WBKH and has been so employed since May, 1965.

She said while at radio station WBKH on the afternoon of February 14, 1966, two individuals entered the radio station and identified themselves as DEAVOURS NIX and [redacted] and requested to see [redacted] She said they went into [redacted] office and were there about an hour and then left the station. She said she had no knowledge of what conversation took place or where they went after they left the station. She advised she had never seen these individuals before and had no knowledge of their connection with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) or the fact that they had been the persons who were subpoenaed to Washington and who appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

[redacted] was asked if she were instructed by [redacted] or anyone else in what to say if interviewed by the FBI. [redacted] avoided answering this question until it was repeated to her three times, directing her to this specifically, and then she stated that no one had told her what to say and that she knew nothing about these individuals, the conversations that took place, or the purpose of their visit.

[redacted] was questioned concerning her alerting [redacted] of WBKH, to the fact that FBI Agents were in the area upon his arriving at the office and how she recognized the fact that FBI Agents were in the area. She said that she noticed vehicles passing the station with individuals who appeared to be FBI Agents looking at the station and also observed vehicles parked across the street with what appeared to be FBI Agents in these cars. It was pointed out to her that she had indicated she was not acquainted with the two men who had come into the station and, therefore, was asked why she would think that the FBI was watching the station. [redacted] said that because the cars had short radio antennas and because the occupants kept craning their necks looking at the station as they drove by,

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she thought they were FBI Agents. She continued to deny knowledge of any conversations that had taken place between NIX, [redacted] and [redacted] and gave no logical explanation as to why she would have been observing vehicles in front of the radio station since this was a heavily traveled highway with a continuous stream of traffic in that area. She said [redacted] came into his office, and according to [redacted] was introduced to NIX and [redacted] for the first time. She said that [redacted] went to his office where NIX, [redacted] and [redacted] were located; however, she was not in that room and did not know what conversations took place.

[redacted] p.m., and until the time she left, there were no further contacts by NIX or [redacted] after they left the station.

[redacted] was asked what conversations had taken place since this event which had to do with DEAVOURS NIX being arrested and the fact that these two individuals were connected with the Ku Klux Klan. She said the only thing she has heard was that which came over television and there was no discussion in the radio station since this visit by NIX and [redacted] that pertained to their coming to the station and that all she did was type and no one ever discussed anything with her.

During the interview it was pointed out to [redacted] that withholding information from the FBI would be obstructing justice and that furnishing false information would be in violation of Title 18, Section 1001 of the U. S. Code. [redacted] furnished no other information; however, it is to be noted that she was extremely nervous and reacted like a person who was not telling the truth.

It was determined that [redacted] birth date was [redacted]

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Date 2/21/66

[redacted] advised she is the [redacted] for radio station WBKH and has been so employed since [redacted] advised that on February 14, 1966, around 3:30 or 4:00 p.m., two men came to the radio station on Bay Street in Hattiesburg and upon entering the office asked to speak to [redacted] She said [redacted] of radio station WBKH but was not in at that moment and [redacted] referred these two individuals to [redacted] She said these two men were later identified as DEAVOURS NIX and [redacted] however, she had never met them before. She said [redacted] talked with these two men for a short period in his office and then she was invited into the office and [redacted] She said that DEAVOURS NIX had made the arrangements for the advertisement.

[redacted] said that [redacted] arrived at the station just before NIX and [redacted] had completed their business and was introduced to them. She said she could not recall their discussing anything other than the advertising of John's Restaurant and did not hear any conversation they may have had with [redacted] She said [redacted] was at the station during the time NIX and [redacted] were in the office.

[redacted] said that at the time NIX and [redacted] had visited the station she noticed a man walk past the station which caught her attention since he appeared to be a bum. However, he took a seat on the steps of the church across the street and, therefore, she wondered why he was in the area and at the same time she noticed that some automobiles were circling the area occupied by men who in her opinion may have been FBI Agents. She said she had no reason to believe that they were FBI Agents other than they looked like Agents.

She said NIX and [redacted] stayed about 30 minutes. She said she left work at [redacted], and from the time they had left the station and the time she got off work, she had no telephone calls nor any further visits by NIX and [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she had not been instructed by [redacted] concerning what she should tell the Agents; however, [redacted] had indicated to her that the Agents would probably be by to talk with her about the visit of the two men to the radio station.

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Date February 22, 1966

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[redacted] advised he is the [redacted] of WBKH Radio Station and has been so employed since [redacted] He said he was previously employed with the [redacted] said he has been a resident of [redacted] until approximately two weeks ago when he moved to [redacted] He said he was distantly related to [redacted] but only knew of him and was not associated with him.

[redacted] said that on February 14, 1966, while at Radio Station WBKH two individuals entered the station, and he heard them ask for [redacted] He said [redacted] told them [redacted] was not at the station and suggested that they meet with [redacted] He said he was introduced to these individuals, who identified themselves as DEAVOURS NIX and [redacted] He said NIX indicated he wanted some advertisement for John's Restaurant. [redacted]

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On 2/21/66 at Hattiesburg, Mississippi File# Jackson 157-2247

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[redacted] b6 b7C said he really did not know if they were FBI Agents or not, however, this thought did enter his mind.

[redacted] said that he left the station at [redacted] and during the time after NIX and [redacted] left until the time he left the station, they did not return nor did he or anyone else, to his knowledge, receive a call from these individuals. [redacted] commented that [redacted] seemed to be accompanying NIX without any interest in the advertisement that was purchased. [redacted] b6 b7C also commented that he is acquainted with Mr. NIX of Laurel, Mississippi, who manages Nick's Steak House and about three months ago mentioned to him that anyone who needed any advertising should contact him for the business. [redacted] said he had never met DEAVOURS NIX or [redacted] in Laurel, Mississippi, and had no knowledge they were coming to the radio station on this date.

[redacted] denied that he had heard either NIX or [redacted] remark that they had been followed from Laurel by the FBI. [redacted] b6 b7C did not notice any activity on the part of the two female employees in the outer office. He further denied that there had been any discussion of this incident among the employees of the radio station since the event occurred. He stated he did not know of the arrest of NIX inasmuch as he had not listened to the television news broadcast or read the newspapers and the individuals themselves at the radio station had not, to his knowledge, been cognizant of the arrest of the two individuals, [redacted] and NIX.

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[redacted] was contacted in a rural area adjacent to [redacted] pursuant to a prearranged appointment made between [redacted] and the Agents. At the outset of the interview [redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he made might be used against him in a court of law, and that he had a right to consult an attorney or anyone else prior to making a statement. No threats, promises, or offers of reward were made [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was contacted at [redacted] on the morning of February 22, 1966, by [redacted] eight copies of what purports to be an affidavi[illegible] by DEAVOURS NIX alleging that he, NIX, had charged FBI Agent[illegible] with disturbing the peace, threatening his wife and children, and using profane language in public. [redacted] stated these copies were left [redacted] for distribution, and he furnished one copy to the interviewing Agents. This copy, appropriately dated and signed by the Agents, is retained in the Jackson file. [redacted] stated he would continue his efforts to develop additional information in this matter and would meet the Agents at 10:00 A.M. near [redacted] February 24, 1966.

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[redacted] previously contacted in this matter concerning a .22 caliber pistol owned by [redacted] contacted the interviewing Agents at the II Acre Truck Stop. [redacted] exhibited to the interviewing Agents what purported to be a mimeographed form captioned, "Affidavit - Sworn Statement of DEAVOURS NIX, a White, Christian, Citizen of the Sovereign State of Mississippi and Resident of Laurel, Miss." This document bore the signature of DEAVOURS NIX and purported to be notarized February 14, 1966, at Laurel, Mississippi, by [redacted] Chancery Clerk. The document purported to contain allegations made by NIX against Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted], #4435, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. According to the contents of this document, NIX was accusing the Agents of disturbing the peace, threatening his wife and children, and using profane language in public. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised he simply wanted to bring the attention of the interviewing Agents to the fact that this document was being distributed among employees at Masonite Corporation in Laurel, Mississippi. He stated this copy which he exhibited to the Agents was given him by an employee of Masonite who got it at the plant, adding that he, [redacted] had to return the copy to the employee, whom he declined to name. b6 b7C

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Date February 21, 1966

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[redacted] M. C. B. Business Services, Room 6, Gulf Building, Laurel, Mississippi, advised that on approximately February 15, 1966, DEAVOURS NIX brought to her office the following affidavit, at which time he requested she reproduce 2200 copies for him. [redacted] advised NIX gave her the following copy of an affidavit which she stated would cost $31.00 for the requested 2200 copies. [redacted] advised she also prints the menus for John's Cafe owned by DEAVOURS NIX. She stated the following reproduced affidavit consisting of 2200 copies was picked up February 19, 1966, by a white male, whom she had never seen before.

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"AFFIDAVIT

"SWORN STATEMENT OF DEAVOURS NIX, A WHITE, CHRISTIAN, CITIZEN OF THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND RESIDENT OF LAUREL, MISS.

"On Firday, February 11, 1966, at about 6:30 PM, after dark, I walked out of the front door of my residence on 15th Avenue in Laurel, Mississippi to get in my automobile, which was parked in my driveway. As I was unlocking my car door, I heard someone shout from across the street, 'Hey, Deavours.' I looked up and two men immediately jumped out of a turquoise colored 1963 Plymouth, which was parked across the street from my house. They both crossed the street at a fast walk, toward me, and entered my front yard and driveway without my permission. The taller of the two spoke first to me in a harsh, stern voice and said, 'We want to talk to you.' I replied, 'So, you want to talk to me.' The smaller of the two snarled, 'We have been waiting to get to you for a long time.' The other one made the first of several veiled threats against my wife and three children.

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The first one then demanded that I account for my whereabouts on the night of the bombing of the Damer nigger's house in Hattiesburg.

"I immediately pointed out to these men that they were operating under false pretense, and were trying to question me rather than talk to me, which is what they had promised to do when they first walked up to me on my property. In addition, I pointed out that I did not know either of them personally and that they had failed to identify themselves to me. They then produced some card folders from out of their pockets which identified them as special agents [redacted] (the taller of the two), and [redacted] #4435, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"When I found out that these men were FBI men, I immediately informed them that I did not trust them, and that I was afraid of them and that I wanted them to leave my property immediately. I told them that I believed that they had masterminded a plot which caused dynamite to be planted in a Laurel citizen's car only last week, and that I was not going to have anything to do with anyone that would do a thing like that. [redacted] then threatened to sue me for that statement, and I replied, 'I don't care about that because I know it is the truth.' He then said, 'You had better be careful, because something might happen to your wife and three children.' When he said that I told him that was the second time that he had threatened my wife and children, and if anything did happen to my family, I would hold them personally responsible.

"When he realized that he had committed a felony by threatening the personal safety of my wife and children, [redacted] then assaulted me by shaking his finger right in my face, and attempting to bluster,

deny and frighten me all at the same time. I told him to take his finger out of my face and Ingram then started cursing and said, 'You G__D__S__O__B__, I'll shake my finger at who I D__ well please.

"Whereupon, I informed him that he had committed a crime against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi, and immediately I turned to the front door of my house where my wife and son were standing and listening, and told them to call the police immediately. The two FBI men then hurried back toward their car across the street, and I challenged them to be honest for a change and wait for the police to arrive. The City Policemen who arrived were Captain [redacted] and Patrolman [redacted] I told them what had happened and told them that I wanted these two violators arrested and charged with disturbing the peace and threatening my wife and children and using profane language in public. The city policemen were nervous and appeared to be afraid of the FBI men. The city policemen were reluctant to take the FBI men into custody, which, of course they were supposed to do.

"Finally, when I saw that the city policemen were not going to do anything, I left immediately for the city hall and arriving there, I swore out affidavits against the two violators, and formally charged them with the crimes which they had committed.

"On the morning of Saturday, February 12, 1966, just before noon, I called the Laurel Police Department to find out what had been done about the case. I was told by the lady desk clerk that [redacted] and [redacted] had escaped and could no longer be found in the city of Laurel. She, also told me that my sworn complaints were in the hands of Police Chief, [redacted]

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"Then I called [redacted] the head FBI man in Laurel, I asked him to assist the Laurel Police in bringing [redacted] and [redacted] to justice. [redacted] was very evasive and tried to suggest that he and I get together and 'talk this thing out'. I informed [redacted] that these men had committed several crimes and that the judge was the proper man to hear the case. I do not believe that it is either lawful or proper to have secret discussions about crimes. I feel that the maintenence of law and order in our community requires that the law be enforced without fear of favor.

"There is no doubt in my mind or the mind of any informed person in Laurel, that this community is swarming with a large number of arrogant and violent men in the FBI service. These men are openly contemptous of law and obey only some clandestine code of their own, by which they secretly protect each other from prosecution. They are so well financed and organized that our honest local police live in terror of them.

"I am well aware of the power of these men and also the brutality of these men with the FBI, and I am afraid of them, but I will not remain silent and see our American institution of equal justice under law destroyed without exposing those who work against it, regardless of their position or power.

"I am very sorry about the bombing of the Damer nigger, as are all law abiding citizen's of Mississippi. I do not know anything about the case and would be willing to help if I could, but until this unconstitutional civil rights business is brought under control, and the National Police quit messing around in our local affairs and preventing our local police from enforcing the law, I am not going to talk to anyone about anything even remotely connected with civil rights.

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"I hope that the publication of this will help to inform the people of America of the danger which exists in a National Police force. If it does, then the humilation and sacrifice to which I may be subjected to may not be in vain.

"With charity for all, and malice toward none, I shall always remain a peaceful and loyal citizen of Mississippi and America.

/s/ Deavours Nix
DEAVOURS NIX

"Deavours Nix personally appeared before me the undersigned authority, who first being dully sworn, states under oath that the foregoing is a true and correct representation of the events described, and the facts therein and did affix his signature in my presence this the 14 day of February, 1966, in Laurel, Mississippi.

(Seal)

[redacted] Chancery Clerk
JONES COUNTY, MISS.
BY /s/ [redacted] D.C.
NOTARY PUBLIC

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"My commission expires: 1/1/68"

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: JACKSON
Date: 3/9/66

Field Office File #: Jackson 157-3484 Bureau File #:

Title: DEAVOURS NIX

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: Subject remains active in WKKKKOM, retaining position of Klan Bureau Investigator (KBI), although sources indicate that he may be replaced following his return from Washington, D.C. after testifying before HCUA as rank and file Klansmen do not trust him. Subject arrested 9/9/65 by MHSP on concealed weapon charge which was later dismissed. Subject's military service record and FBI Identification Record set forth. Subject was arrested by the MHSP, Hattiesburg, Miss., on 2/14/66 and charged with speeding, improper turn, and resisting arrest, i.e., refusal to be fingerprinted and photographed by the State Officers.

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DETAILS:

I. RESIDENCE

On February 11, 1966, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] determined subject still resides at 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi.

II. EMPLOYMENT

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On February 22, 1966, [redacted] Investigator, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) advised that subject still operates John's Cafe, 116 Teresa Street, Laurel, Mississippi.

III. CURRENT POSITION IN WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI (WKKKKOM)

On January 27, 1966, [redacted] advised that subject is the State Investigator for the WKKKKOM.

IV. AUTOMOBILES

On March 9, 1966, the Vehicle License records reflect the following automobiles are registered to DEAVOURS NIX, 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi:

1963 two door Ford Thunderbird, VIN 3Y872102351, 1966 Mississippi license KD 2312;
1961 Volkswagen, 1966 Mississippi license KA 2083.

V. IDENTIFICATION RECORDS

On November 23, 1965, the Identification Division of the FBI furnished the following information concerning DEAVOURS NIX:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received
Navy	Deavours Nix	9-26-41

They also furnished the following description:

Height:	69½"
Weight:	135
Hair:	Light brown
Date and Place of Birth:	11-30-23, Jones County, Mississippi

Scars and Marks:	ANT: vs lt upper arm; S 1" lt knee; S 1" rt thumb; S 2" rt knee; S ½" rt shin; POST: S ½" back or lt hand
Address:	In 1941, Laurel, Miss.
Occupation:	Unknown
Fingerprint Classification:	15 1 rA2a 8 1 aAa-a

VI. MILITARY SERVICE

A review on November 23, 1965, by IC [redacted] St. Louis, of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated DEAVOURS NIX, Serial Number 274 72 02, enlisted in the U.S. Navy on October 3, 1941, and entered on active duty on the same date at New Orleans, Louisiana. He was discharged under honorable conditions on February 5, 1947, as a Seaman First Class at San Francisco, California, by reason of expiration of enlistment.

He was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-martial on March 3, 1944 for Absent Without Leave from February 18, 1944, to February 24, 1944. He was sentenced to solitary confinement on bread and water for five days, and forfeiture of $33 of his pay per month for two months was approved.

He was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-martial on November 28, 1944, for Absent Without Leave from September 14, 1944, to September 15, 1944, from October 6, 1944, to October 7, 1944, and for applying to his own use one case of whiskey. He was sentenced to solitary confinement on bread and water for twenty days, and forfeiture of $24 of his pay per month for a period of eight months; however, if during the first ten days of his confinement, he maintained himself in a manner satisfactory to his commanding officer, the execution of the unexecuted part of the solitary confinement on bread and water would be remitted, and the loss of pay

was reduced to $20 per month for a period of six months.

He was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-martial on January 16, 1945, for Absent Without Leave from December 16, 1944, to December 29, 1944. He was sentenced to be confined for a period of fifteen days, and forfeiture of $33 of his pay per month for three months.

He was tried and convicted by a Deck Court on March 20, 1945 for absence over leave on March 17, 1945 for a period of sixteen hours. He was sentenced to solitary confinement on bread and water for a period of ten days and forfeiture of $21 of his pay per month for a period of two months.

He was awarded a Captain's Mast on November 20, 1946, for absence over leave on November 17, 1946, and received four days restriction.

The records failed to show NIX having any specific training or knowledge in the field of explosives, radio or electronics while in the military service.

The following descriptive and background information is contained in the records:

Date and Place of Birth:	11/30/23, Jones County, Mississippi
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	190
Race:	White
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Ruddy
Blood Group:	"O"
Distinguishing Marks:	1" scar, right palm; 2" scar, right knee; ½" scar, right shin; 1" scar, left knee; ½" scar, back of left hand

Education:		8 years grade school
Civilian Occupation:		Laborer
Military Occupation:		Seaman
Addresses:		Route 5 Laurel, Mississippi, (12/1/41); Route 3 Laurel, Mississippi (2/5/47)
Relatives:	Mother:	VIRGIE NIX 1148 N. 15th Street Laurel, Mississippi (12/29/44);

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	Father:	GEORGE ENOCH NIX Route 5 Laurel, Mississippi (10/3/41)

VII. ACTIVITIES IN WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

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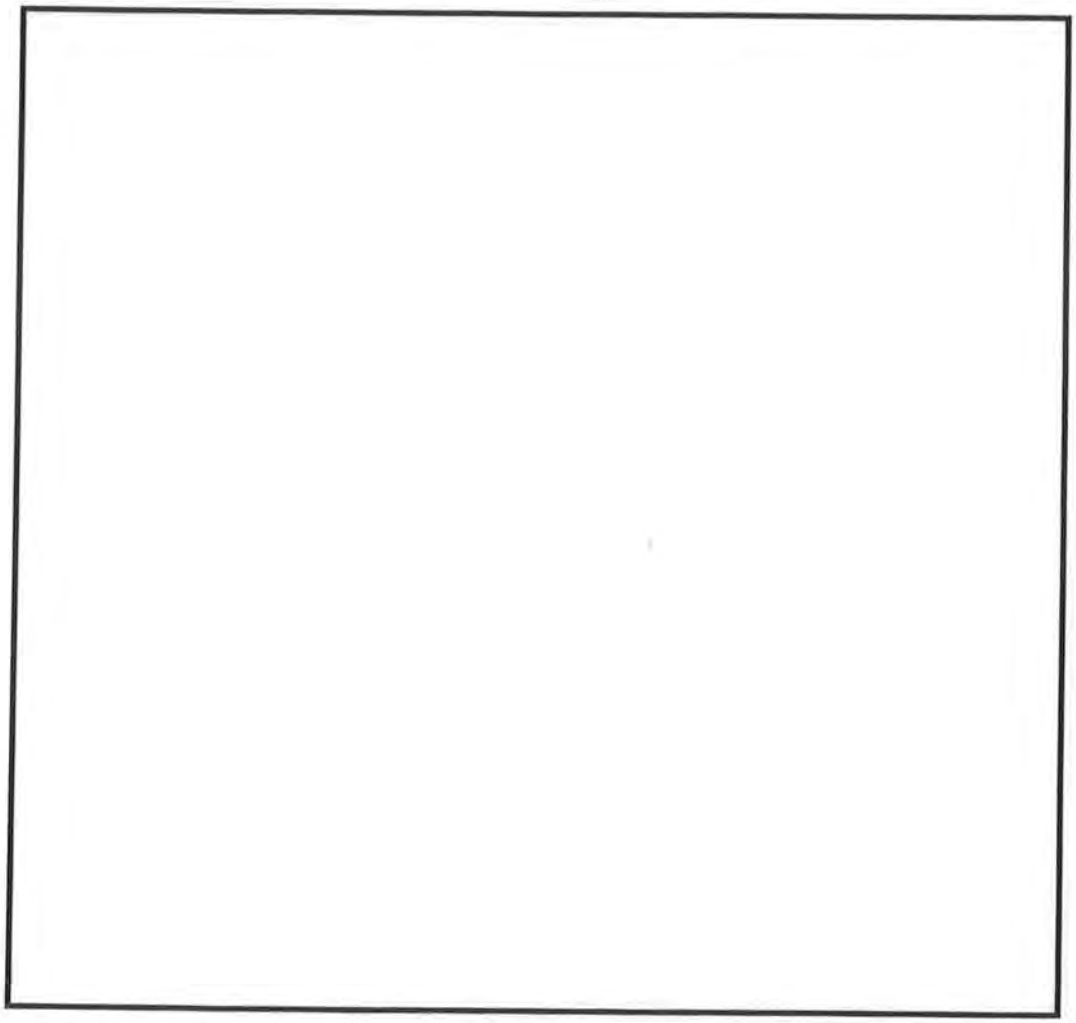
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On November 2, 1965, Justice of the Peace JOE Q. ISHEE, Beat Number 4, Jasper County, Bay Springs, Mississippi, advised that the Justice Docket of his court reflected the following information on page 451: An affidavit was signed on September 9, 1965, by [redacted] MHSP, against DEAVOURS NIX charging him with speeding, improper passing and concealed weapon. A jury trial was held on October 4, 1965, concerning this matter. The concealed weapon charge was dismissed. The other two charges were presented to a six man jury and NIX was found not guilty. Members of the jury were: [redacted]

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VIII. INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 2/12/66

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DEAVOURS NIX, 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, was contacted at his residence as he prepared to enter his automobile parked in the driveway of his residence. As Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] walked up the driveway, they advised NIX they would like to talk with him. NIX stood by his automobile as the Agents approached. Upon identifying themselves as Agents of the FBI, NIX was told that he did not have to make a statement but any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. NIX interrupted and stated he was well aware of this and he knew he had the right to consult his attorney and he did not have to say one word if he did not want to.

NIX was questioned regarding his whereabouts on January 9, 1966, and the early morning hours of January 10, 1966. NIX said, "Now you are asking me questions and I do not want to answer any--but if you have something you want to tell me, go ahead--you want to talk." NIX was told that the FBI had information that he had planned the job on VERNON DAHMER and that he, NIX, had given his approval that the job should be done. NIX said, "Okay, now you prove it--and make your arrests." NIX was asked to explain what he knew about the DAHMER fire bombing.

He then stated that the FBI, instead of spending so much on that "nigger," should be out fighting Communism. He then stated that someone has been coming into his back yard and he wanted to let the Agents know that if he ever caught anyone in his back yard, he would kill them. He was assured that the FBI had no interest in his back yard and the Agents personally had never been in his back yard. He insisted that he had every right to protect his family.

NIX was asked if he would go to the FBI office in Laurel with the Agents to continue the conversation. NIX replied, "Certainly not." NIX then said, "Let me see your credentials again," whereupon the Agents exhibited their credentials to him. NIX carefully read in a loud voice the names and credential numbers of the Agents, and he then went into an uncontrollable rage, shouting and raving that the Agents had threatened his family. NIX then ordered the Agents off his property and the interview was terminated.

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by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] wp -15- Date dictated 2/12/66

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Date 1/21/66

DEAVOURS NIX was observed seated in a vehicle in a public parking lot across the street from the Federal Building, Laurel, Mississippi. At the time he was sitting with [redacted] NIX was contacted by SA [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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NIX said that it was his business what he was doing parked at this location and not anyone else's. He said that he did not want to be interviewed. He asked if he were under arrest and if he were that he wanted to go along with the Agents at once. He said, "If you want to take me, then take me, take me right now."

At this time the interview was terminated.

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by SA'S [redacted] and [redacted] -16- WP Date dictated 1/17/66

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date February 9, 1966

DEAVOURS NIX, 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, was telephonically contacted by SA [redacted] at John's Cafe, 116 Teresa Street, Laurel, Mississippi, which is owned by NIX. NIX was asked by SA [redacted] if an arrangement could be made for an appointment with him to come to the FBI Office in Laurel or if Agents could make arrangements to see him at his residence. NIX asked, "Do you have a warrant?" He was advised that SA [redacted] did not have a warrant. He said, "I will never talk with you or any other FBI Agent unless you can show me a warrant." He said he has no reason whatsoever to talk with Agents and at that time he terminated the conversation.

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On 2/8/66 at Laurel, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-3484

by SA [redacted] mnr -17- Date dictated 2/8/66

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IX. MISCELLANEOUS

On October 27, 1965, [redacted] for WDAM-TV, Laurel, Mississippi, advised that he was standing in front of the Post Office in Laurel on the afternoon of this date along with [redacted] and [redacted] of the Laurel Chamber of Commerce.

DEAVOURS NIX drove by in his blue and white T-bird. There was another man in the car, possibly [redacted] This individual took pictures of [redacted] and his group as the car drove by.

At approximately 3:00 P.M. on October 27, 1965, SA [redacted] observed DEAVOURS NIX and [redacted] in NIX' T-Bird at [redacted]

On October 29, 1965, [redacted] WDAM-TV, Laurel, advised that several days ago he was at John's Cafe, Laurel, talking to DEAVOURS NIX, the owner, NIX spoke unfavorably about the recent appearance of Laurel Mayor [redacted] on WDAM-TV in which he condemned the Klan and their activities. NIX said that [redacted] had telephoned [redacted] of WDAM-TV asking for equal time to answer [redacted] comments. NIX told of [redacted] conversation in a manner that indicated that he had been in direct contact with [redacted] and was very familiar with what was said. During this conversation NIX expressed a great dislike for [redacted] and commented that [redacted] was part Jewish and therefore involved in the Communist-Jewish conspiracy.

[redacted] said that in his conversation with NIX he received the impression that NIX was really devoted and sincere in his beliefs on his stand against communism and for Citizens Council and like organizations.

On January 19, 1966, Detective [redacted] Laurel, Mississippi Police Department advised that on January 18, 1966, he had a long talk with [redacted] in the Laurel area. [redacted] said that he had no information as to who might have been involved in the burning of the home and store of VERNON DAHMER in Forrest County, Mississippi, on January 10, 1966. He said that he was not involved and had not been approached by anyone to become involved. He further advised that in the past he has been asked by [redacted] whom he described as a violent member, to join the WKKKKOM. [redacted] stated that he did not join.

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[redacted] said that he often associates with DEAVOURS NIX and met NIX through his wife. He knows that NIX is the State Investigator for the Klan and NIX is aware that [redacted] knows this, however, NIX has never discussed Klan business with him.

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On January 19, 1966, [redacted] advised that [redacted] is a very close friend of DEAVOURS NIX and that he is always around John's Cafe in Laurel, Mississippi, which cafe is run by NIX.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date February 14, 1966

Investigator [redacted] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, advised that at 5:00 P.M., February 14, 1966, he and Investigator [redacted] were traveling north on U.S. Highway 49 Bypass, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Immediately behind these investigators were [redacted] and [redacted] Investigators, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. It was observed that a 1963 Ford Thunderbird bearing 1966 Jones County, Mississippi license KD-2312, light blue in color with a white top, was proceeding north ahead of the investigators. Upon entering the intersection of U.S. Highway 49 and Interstate 59, the Thunderbird failed to give a proper signal. As the Thunderbird turned to the right upon Interstate 59, investigators immediately checked the speed of the blue and white Thunderbird and clocked this vehicle at 47 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone.

The Thunderbird continued a right turn on the ramp and entered Interstate 59 proceeding in a northerly direction. The Thunderbird was immediately stopped by Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] followed closely by Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] Investigator [redacted] approached the driver and after identifying himself asked him to produce his driver's license. At this time the driver opened the left door and got out of the car, simultaneously producing his wallet which contained Mississippi driver's license No. 94338, issued to DEAVOURS NIX, 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi. The driver identified himself as DEAVOURS NIX.

At this point Investigator [redacted] advised Mr. NIX that he had made an improper turn and that he had been speeding 47 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. Investigator [redacted] advised Mr. NIX that he was under arrest and to proceed to the Forrest County Jail, Hattiesburg.

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] -20- :mnr/bdb Date dictated 2/14/66

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At this time Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] observed a length of chain laying on the left front floor board and partially concealed under the driver's seat in view of the arresting officers. Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] immediately confiscated this chain. At this time Investigator [redacted] asked DEAVOURS NIX of the identity of the white male passenger in the car. NIX thereupon turned, leaned inside the car, and addressed the passenger, informing him that the officer desired to know his identity. NIX instructed the passenger that he did not have to identify himself unless he wanted to do so. The passenger then identified himself as [redacted]

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Investigator [redacted] informed NIX again that he was under arrest and that it would be necessary to transport him to the Forrest County Jail at Hattiesburg, Mississippi. [redacted] suggested to NIX that he might desire to have [redacted] drive his car on to his destination. [redacted] then declined to drive the car and requested that he be allowed to accompany NIX and the officers to the Forrest County Jail. This request was granted and Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded from the scene to the Forrest County Jail with NIX and [redacted] after NIX locked the automobile and left it parked on Interstate 59.

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On arrival at the Forrest County Jail, NIX was informed that, incidental to his arrest, it would be required that he be fingerprinted and photographed. He became boisterous, cursed the officers, and stated under no circumstances would he submit to being fingerprinted or photographed. The investigative officers then awaited the arrival of Forrest County Sheriff [redacted] who was informed of the attitude of NIX and of his refusal to being fingerprinted and photographed.

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At this time Forrest County, Mississippi, Prosecuting Attorney [redacted] arrived and he was likewise informed of NIX' attitude. [redacted] read to NIX the Mississippi Statute pertaining to fingerprinting under these circumstances and told NIX

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that legally he was required to submit to fingerprinting. NIX repeated that under no circumstances would he submit to fingerprinting and when initial efforts were made by Investigator [redacted] to fingerprint him, he violently resisted. He was again informed by Sheriff [redacted] of the requirements at his jail that he be fingerprinted. Sheriff [redacted] approached NIX to fingerprint him, and NIX resisted initially but on the insistence of Sheriff [redacted] eventually consented to being fingerprinted and photographed, which was done. Investigator [redacted] camera was not functioning and at his request photographs of NIX were obtained by FBI Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who had arrived at the jail.

At the conclusion of the fingerprinting and photographing, NIX became abusive in his language toward the officers and threatened that he would institute suit against the Federal Government, the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, the Forrest County Sheriff's Office, and possibly others. NIX was confined to the Forrest County Jail on the following Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol charges:

Speeding 47 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone.
Carrying a concealed weapon.
Improper turning.
Interfering with an officer.

In addition, NIX was charged by Forrest County Sheriff [redacted] with resisting arrest and interfering with an officer.

Investigator [redacted] and [redacted] issued to NIX Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Uniform Arrest Ticket No. N15177, returnable to Justice of the Peace T. C. CAMP of Petal, Mississippi, on February 16, 1966, at 10:00 A.M. to answer the above described Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol charges.

Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] determined from Forrest County Sheriff [redacted] that on the night of February 14, 1966, he had pulled in the following described automobile which had been left parked on Interstate 59 north of Hattiesburg: b6 b7C

1963 Ford Thunderbird bearing 1966 Jones County Mississippi license KD-2312, light blue with white top.

[redacted] advised he was having this car stored at Broadway Body Shop, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, pending disposition of charges against the registered owner, DEAVOURS NIX. b6 b7C

The above described length of chain is being photographed and will be retained as evidence in this matter by Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 2/15/66

Investigator [redacted] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), advised that subpoenaes were issued by Justice of the Peace JOHN D. LEONARD, District One, Forrest County, and TOM C. CAMP, Justice of the Peace, District Two, Forrest County, subpoenaing [redacted] White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, Laurel, to appear as a witness in Judge LEONARD's court at 1:00 P.M., February 16, 1966, and in Judge CAMP's court at 2:00 P.M.

[redacted] is subpoenaed to testify in connection with charges in these Justice of the Peace courts as the result of the arrest of DEAVOURS NIX by MHSP Investigators on February 14,1966, at which time he was charged with Speeding, Improper Turn, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Resisting an Officer, and Interfering with an Officer. These subpoenaes were delivered to MHSP Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] by the Forrest County Sheriff on February 15, 1966. Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] with Jones County Sheriff [redacted] and Jones County Deputy Sheriff [redacted] attempting to serve these subpoenaes on February 15, 1966, at which time they were unable to locate [redacted]

These subpoenaes were left in the hands of [redacted] with the understanding that they would be served on either the night of February 15, 1966, or morning of February 16, 1966.

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On February 16, 1966, at 1:00 P.M. the Justice of the Peace Court in Forrest County, Mississippi, was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Sheriff [redacted] Forrest County, with regard to the proceedings against DEAVOURS NIX. The presiding judge was JOHN D. LEONARD, Justice of the Peace, Beat #1, Forrest County. The case was styled as "The State of Mississippi versus DEAVOURS NIX". NIX was not in court but his attorneys, [redacted] and [redacted] filed a motion for a continuance claiming that NIX was under treatment of a physician and could not appear. The attorneys produced a sworn signed statement from [redacted] which was notarized by Jones County Circuit Clerk, [redacted] County Attorney, Forrest County, objected to this statement and indicated the physician should be present where he could be cross-examined by the County Attorney. Judge LEONARD overruled the motion by [redacted] and ordered [redacted] to answer for NIX in his, NIX's, absence. [redacted] entered a plea of not guilty on behalf of NIX.

The charges were read against NIX as interfering with officers and refusing to be fingerprinted. Judge LEONARD then stated that [redacted] should have had his client present in court, and Judge LEONARD stated that the bond set for NIX' appearance was then being forfeited. The State presented their witnesses and upon completion Judge LEONARD found NIX guilty. He stated that he was fining NIX $150 and sentencing him to thirty days in jail. He indicated that if the attorneys for the defendant intended to appeal the sentence they would have to bring NIX to Hattiesburg and have him placed in the Forrest County Jail before trail could be held.

The Court for Beat #2, Forrest County, was called to order by [redacted] with Judge TOM C. CAMP, Justice of the Peace, Beat #2, presiding. The case against NIX was called by County Attorney JAMES K. DUKES at which time [redacted] stated his client was ill and could not

appear in court. He produced the same affidavit from [redacted] in Laurel which was declared improper since it was classed as "hearsay" evidence. The Judge had the Sheriff call for NIX and when NIX did not appear in court the charges were read and the bond was then forfeited.

An article appearing in The Laurel Leader-Call, a daily newspaper, except Sunday, Laurel, Mississippi, on February 24, 1966, indicated that NIX was fined a total of $337 and given a thirty day jail sentence on four misdemeanor charges in connection with arrest made by the MHSP on February 14, 1966.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 18, 1966

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Mr. JAMES K. DUKES, Forrest County Prosecuting Attorney, advised that alias warrants were being issued February 18, 1966, for DEAVOURS NIX on the basis of four charges outstanding against him in Beat 2 in Forrest County. Mr. DUKES stated that these were charges concerning which NIX did not appear and concerning which his bond was forfeited.

Mr. DUKES advised that a mittimus was being issued on February 18, 1966, for NIX as a result of his conviction in Beat 1, Forrest County, Mississippi.

Mr. DUKES advised that although these warrants were being issued, he was not having them forwarded to Jones County or executed immediately inasmuch as he had been informed that DEAVOURS NIX was hospitalized at Laurel. He advised that while this hospitalization may possibly be a ruse to avoid appearance on these Forrest County charges, he did not feel that it would be feasible to execute these warrants on NIX at a hospital. He stated these warrants would be served on NIX immediately upon his dismissal.

Mr. DUKES pointed out that in connection with the conviction of NIX in Beat 1, NIX is entitled to file an appeal on this conviction within forty days, which appeal would serve to void the mittimus issued following the conviction.

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Date 2/22/66

Mr. JAMES K. DUKES, Forrest County Prosecuting Attorney, advised that DEAVOURS NIX was arrested at John's Cafe in Laurel, Mississippi, on February 22, 1966, by the Jones County Deputy Sheriff and Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Investigator [redacted] This arrest was on a Mittimus issued from Beat One, Justice of the Peace Court, Forrest County, Mississippi, and four Alias warrants issued by the Justice of the Peace Court of Beat Two, Forrest County, Mississippi.

NIX was transported by [redacted] to Hattiesburg from Laurel and lodged in the Forrest County Jail. Mr. NIX was allowed to make several telephone calls at the Forrest County Jail prior to his incarceration.

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Date 2/24/66

JOHN D. LEONARD, Justice of the Peace, District One, Forrest County, Mississippi, advised that since the trial of DEAVOURS NIX in his court, he has received at least ten telephone calls, three of which were believed to have been long distance. Judge LEONARD stated that these telephone calls began the next day after NIX was tried in his court and have continued through February 19, 1966, on which date he received the last call. Judge LEONARD stated that these calls were considered to be of a harassing nature inasmuch as the caller would either not say anything and hold the line open for a short period of time before hanging up the receiver or hang up without saying anything. He stated on one occasion the caller asked him if he was the Judge who tried NIX, and when he answered in the affirmative, the caller merely grunted.

Judge LEONARD stated that on Sunday morning shortly before 11:00 a.m., [redacted] who resides in [redacted] contacted him with regard to the NIX trial. Judge LEONARD stated that [redacted] told him that this contact was made at the request of Deputy Sheriff [redacted] of [redacted] and two other persons whom he did not identify, one of whom was believed to have been a member of the Jones County Board of Supervisors. Judge LEONARD stated that according to [redacted] the persons who requested him to contact Judge LEONARD were reportedly friends of NIX.

Judge LEONARD stated that after he had explained the charges and action of his court against NIX, [redacted] stated that he had been misinformed by the persons who had requested him to contact Judge LEONARD and was of the opinion to begin with that NIX might have been mistreated. Judge LEONARD stated [redacted] then used the telephone in his Justice of the Peace office and made three long distance calls. He overheard [redacted] tell one of the persons being called that he had been misinformed and it had been determined from Judge LEONARD that NIX had been unruly at the Forrest County Jail and the sentence imposed on him by Judge LEONARD was deserving.

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Date February 24, 1966

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[redacted] which company deals primarily with members of the Board of Supervisors, stated that in connection with his work he has daily contact with members of the Board of Supervisors and city officials in fifteen counties of South Mississippi. He advised that on an unrecalled date, about February 18, 1966, he had contact with several people in the vicinity of Jones County in Laurel, Mississippi, who led him to believe that DEAVOURS NIX had been tried in a "kangaroo court" at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

[redacted] stated he contacted Judge JOHN D. LEONARD on Sunday, February 20, 1966, at which time Judge LEONARD explained the nature of the charges for which NIX had been tried in his court, at which time he realized that he had been misinformed by the individuals with whom he had contact in Jones County in Laurel.

[redacted] stated that recently he had dealings with [redacted] District 5, Jones County Board of Supervisors, and during this contact [redacted] had made the remark that whenever the VERNON DAHMER case was completed, he was of the opinion that [redacted] would be involved. [redacted] stated that [redacted] gave no reason for forming this opinion and furnished no additional information for the basis.

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X. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT'S CONNECTION IN THE BELOW CAPTIONED CASE IS AS FOLLOWS:

[redacted]

DEAVOURS NIX: [redacted]

[redacted] BURNING OF PROPERTY AND SHOOTING, FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, JANUARY 10, 1966; VERNON FERDINAND DAHMER, SR. (DECEASED),

[redacted] - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 3/7/66

[redacted] was contacted and interviewed at the [redacted] at which time he was advised by SA [redacted] that he did not have to say anything, anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney or anyone else of his own choice before saying anything at all.

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On 3/7/66 at Laurel, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-3484 (157-433)

SA's [redacted] and [redacted]

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APPENDIX

ANTI-COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (ACCA), ALSO KNOWN AS ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (OKKKK)

A source advised on October 13, 1965, that the ACCA was formed February, 1965, when members of the OKKKK residing in the Sixth Louisiana Congressional District broke away from the State organization in the Fall of 1964.

The source stated members were told that even though the organization's name had been changed to ACCA they should still consider themselves to be Klansmen and that they would continue to operate as Klansmen.

In February, 1965, ACCA filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State's Office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Source advised that the purpose of the ACCA is to promote Americanism, white supremacy and to maintain segregation.

A hearing was held in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, during the week of September 11, 1965, wherein the ACCA and various individuals were held to answer a Justice Department petition seeking a temporary injunction against interference with the activities of civil rights workers in the Bogalusa, Louisiana, area.

[redacted] identified as the [redacted] of this organization, told the court that the klan went out of existence four months previously and was succeeded by the ACCA. In reorganizing, ACCA retained as its officers the existing Klan officers, bylaws, and basic organization, according to [redacted] He further told the court that the ACCA membership was restricted to the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana. Every oath in the ACCA was the same as that of the Klan, and the meeting places were often the same.

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APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI (WKKKKOM)

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage, and rights of the white race of America.

A second source advised on October 6, 1965 that the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is an unincorporated secret organization existing in the State of Mississippi and dedicated to the preservation of white supremacy at any cost, including the use of force and violence. The official constitution and other directives of the organization do not show any advocation of force or violence, but it is generally conceded among the members that in the end force and violence will be the only salvation of the white man with regard to his relationships with the Negro race. The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is controlled by the Imperial Wizard and other State Officers and the state is divided into districts and provinces. There is an estimated membership, as of October 6, 1965 of 1500 to 2000 dues-paying members of this organization. The aims and purposes of the organization continue to be the same as when the organization was created in February, 1964.

APPENDIX

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Jackson, Mississippi
March 9, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title DEAVOURS NIX

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 9, 1966, at Jackson.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 20, 1966

[redacted] telephonically advised on the afternoon of February 19, 1966, that he had visited DEAVOURS NIX at the Jones County General Hopsital in Laurel, where NIX was hospitalized.

[redacted] advised that NIX expressed concern about his inability to get financial assistance in making bond to charges outstanding against NIX in Forrest County, Mississippi. NIX said that [redacted] White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), had been in touch with [redacted] Klavern of the WKKKKOM. According to NIX, [redacted] refused to assist financially in making NIX's bond, and [redacted] thereafter contacted [redacted] a member of the WKKKKOM and [redacted] NIX told [redacted] that [redacted] refused [redacted] request that he, [redacted] go on NIX's bond.

[redacted] advised that NIX requested him, [redacted] to contact [redacted] a member of the WKKKKOM in [redacted] to request [redacted] assistance in making bond. NIX instructed that [redacted] call [redacted] on the telephone and to tell him that he was "calling for the man up north," and NIX expressed confidence that [redacted] would cooperate in the bond matter. [redacted] stated that he intended to call [redacted] as requested by NIX.

[redacted] subsequently recontacted the interviewing Agent at Hattiesburg at 5:55 P.M. He stated he had telephoned [redacted] as requested by NIX, and [redacted] not only declined to go on NIX's bond but rebuffed efforts on [redacted] part to discuss the matter on the telephone.

[redacted] stated he had learned that [redacted] left Laurel on the night of February 18, 1966, and was believed to have gone

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Jackson 157-505

On 2/19/66 at Hattiesburg, Mississippi File Jackson 44-1512

by SA [redacted] mmr Date dictated 2/20/66

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to somewhere in Alabama to visit [redacted] in military service who was due to be shipped overseas. [redacted] was unable to furnish the identity or location of [redacted] adding that it appeared that [redacted] planned to return to Laurel on Sunday evening, February 20, 1966. [redacted] expressed intent to contact [redacted] on his return to Laurel in an effort to develop additional information from [redacted] concerning the DAHMER matter. b6 b7C

In connection with the DAHMER matter, [redacted] advised he had contacted [redacted] and had made arrangements to get together with [redacted] at 9:00 A.M., February 20, 1966, at which time he expressed the intent to drive with [redacted] to [redacted] and to thereafter engage [redacted] in a discussion about the DAHMER matter. [redacted] advised he intended to tell [redacted] that as [redacted] he was initiating an investigation into the DAHMER incident and, in this manner, to attempt to develop what information [redacted] may have concerning the matter including the names of all participants. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised he had gone back to the Jones County General Hospital at Laurel to recontact DEAVOURS NIX on the night of February 19, 1966, and was informed that NIX had been released from the hospital. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (44-1512) DATE: 3/7/66

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: DABURN

The following listed individuals have been developed as being involved in or being cognizant of the DAHMER incident. All are known members of the WKKKKOM or are Klan sympathizers and it is anticipated that if they are not arrested they will be subpoenaed to testify before the Grand Jury.

When preparing reports on these individuals, any information concerning the subject's complicity in the DAHMER incident should be reported in the administrative pages rather than the details of the report in order to prevent any dissemination of DAHMER information before this matter goes to trial.

As it is necessary to submit current nonprosecutive summary reports to the Bureau at this time, the following agents are being assigned to insure a nonprosecutive summary report is immediately submitted on the below-listed individuals.

If nonprosecutive summaries have previously been submitted regarding these individuals, the summary should be brought up to date.

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Subject	File Number	Current Reporting Agent
[redacted]		SA [redacted]
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[redacted]		SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson (157-3484) DATE: 3/3/66

FROM : SA, [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RM - KLAN

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 3-9-66. The review for this report was made from serial 15 through serial 66.

In accordance with the above, the following serials are to be destroyed:

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FROM : SA

SUBJECT:

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Jackson (157-3484) DATE: 12-8-66

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: Clearance Ltr
RM-Klan

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 7-22-66. The review for this report was made from serial 72 through serial 101.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/23/66

Mr. JAMES K. DUKES, County Prosecuting Attorney, Forrest County, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

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On February 23, 1966, at approximately 9:00 a.m., [redacted] Attorney, Laurel, Mississippi, and Attorney [redacted] arrived at the Forrest County Jail and requested to see DEAVOURS NIX. They were accompanied by the father and brother of NIX, whereupon they first announced their intention to file a habeas corpus petition. They abandoned that procedure and same was never filed. Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] subsequently appeared before Forrest County Judge WILLIAM HARALSON and by oral motion requested that the petition that had previously been filed in the County Court for appeal concerning the DEAVOURS NIX cases be dismissed without prejudice. The same was sustained and an order entered to that effect. At approximately 12:00 noon NIX and his attorneys appeared before Justice of the Peace TOM CAMP in the County Courtroom of Forrest County, Mississippi. The charges in the form of affidavits were read to NIX.

DUKES advised that NIX was arraigned on the following described charges, entered a plea of nolo contendere to each, was found guilty and sentenced as set out below:

Charge	Sentence
Speeding, 47 miles per hour in a 30 mile zone	$17.00 and costs
Improper turn	$20.00 and costs
Resisting Arrest	$150.00 and costs
Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon	$150.00, 30 days in jail, and costs

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by SA [redacted] :wp Date dictated 2/23/66

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Following this hearing, NIX through his attorneys perfected an appeal by posting appeal bonds in the sum of $500.00 for each charge, that being the four charges originating in Beat Two and the one charge in Beat One which had previously been disposed of. Appeal bonds in the sum of $500.00 each were signed by the defendant, NIX, and by [redacted] and [redacted] Bonds were approved by [redacted] Forrest County, Mississippi, and NIX was released, to appear before the next term of County Court of Forrest County, Mississippi, which is to be held on the second Monday of March, 1966.

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Date March 30, 1966

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DEAVOURS NIX, 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, was arrested by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] and Investigator [redacted] (NA), Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, at 5:55 A.M. on March 28, 1966, at 325 North 15th Avenue. At the time of the arrest, NIX was found to be undressed and was in the rear bedroom of his home. He was observed standing at the side of the bed and a young girl whom he identified as his oldest daughter was in bed. He was advised of the identity of the arresting officers and was immediately taken to the living room. He was advised by SA [redacted] of the charges contained in the Federal warrant, and he was furnished a copy of the warrant. In his partially dressed condition he was searched by SA [redacted] and was then given permission to dress. He was informed that he did not have to make a statement but any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that he had the right to consult an attorney, or anyone else, before making any statement and if he could not afford an attorney, the court would appoint one for him.

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He was notified by SA [redacted] that a search of his residence was being instituted and was given a copy of a search warrant. NIX stated he would refuse to permit his home to be searched until he contacted his attorney. He was advised that a search warrant had been given to him and a search of his premises would be conducted with or without his consent. He directed his wife, SYBIL NIX, who was present, to telephone his attorney, [redacted] and also stated, "Get [redacted] on the phone and tell him to get in touch with [redacted]" While the search was in process, SYBIL NIX came from the bedroom and said to NIX, "They found that crazy, silly picture of you with a pointed hood on."

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On 3/28/66 at Laurel and Hattiesburg, Mississippi File# Jackson 157-3484 – 104
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SA's [redacted]

by [redacted] and [redacted] mmr Date dictated 3/28/66

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NIX was asked if he had any firearms in the house or if he owned any firearms. NIX said he had a partly loaded pistol by his bed in the bedroom and a shotgun at the restaurant. NIX was removed from his residence and transported to the Federal Building in Laurel, Mississippi. While en route from the residence to the Federal Building in Laurel, it was observed by NIX, as well as Special Agents and Investigator [redacted] that the Bureau car transporting NIX was being followed by [redacted] attorney for NIX. Upon arriving at the Federal Building, Attorney [redacted] identified himself as legal counsel for NIX and the officers identified themselves to [redacted] Attorney [redacted] was advised that NIX was being taken to an office in the Federal Building where he would be photographed and fingerprinted and then transported to Hattiesburg to appear before the U. S. Commissioner. NIX then protested to his attorney that he was not going to be photographed and fingerprinted. Attorney [redacted] then advised NIX, "Go ahead and let the officers photograph and fingerprint you, and I will see you at Hattiesburg."

Prior to being fingerprinted he again stated, "I refuse to be fingerprinted, and I want everyone in this room to know I am being fingerprinted against my will." While being fingerprinted NIX directed conversation to [redacted] calling him by the name [redacted] and said, "Don't worry, [redacted] I have called the attorneys and made arrangements for the bonds." Upon completion of the photographing and fingerprinting of NIX, the contents of his wallet were examined in his presence and found to contain the following items:

1) A receipt reflecting Howard Sport Center, Rec #4844 515 Cross St., Laurel, Miss. on 2/24/66 - $11.44

2) A check with a return item notice attached as follows: Commercial National Bank of Laurel for $3.00 dated 1/8/66, made payable to cash, signed [redacted]

3) A receipt with the notation County #56 - Dues 4

4) An uncanceled check drawn on Commercial National Bank of Laurel, dated 2/21/66, for $27.50, signed [redacted]

5) An uncanceled check drawn on Commercial National Bank of Laurel, for $3.00, payable to cash, signed [redacted] b6 b7C

6) Receipt for Masonic Lodge dues, #797, dated 12/1/65

7) A calling card which reflects [redacted] 951 National Bank of Commerce Building, New Orleans, Louisiana

8) A calling card reflecting Southern California Heat Treating Corporation, tools and dies our specialty, 13013 Los Nietor Road, Santa Fe Springs, Calif., Te. # Oxbow 6-8258, Tel. # 944-6813 inked in, on the back M to 67 Alum - 1-6

9) A slip of paper with the notation [redacted] b6 b7C
FR 4-1284, you will except with 25.00 liberty with
25.00 1450
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10) Mississippi driver's license with the following information: DEAVOURS NIX, 325 N - 15th Ave., Laurel, Miss., Miss. D.L. #94338, white male, date of birth 11/30/25, brown hair, brown eyes, 6 feet, 190 pounds, expires 3/31/67

11) A union card with the following information: International Union of Opr. Engineers, DEAVOURS NIX, Local #12 B (E), 10/5/63, Reg. #1147618, Social Sec. #427-28-1118. The following was added to the card: 13308 Lumont St., La Puente, Calif.

12) A card with a notation Tel #587-3665

13) A card with a notation "See [redacted] or [redacted] Engineer - Johnson & Flarity" b6 b7C

14) A note located with penciled handwriting [redacted] b6 b7C

15) One dues book expired for the International Union of Operating Engineers dated January 7, 1966, for DEAVOURS NIX

16) A State of Mississippi driver's license renewal No. D130308 for NIX with the notation on the back of the driver's license in ink, [redacted] Negro hospital."

17) One payroll check No. 681 on the G. B. "Boots" Smith, Inc., Post Office Drawer E, Laurel, Mississippi, drawn on the First National Bank of Laurel, dated March 25, 1966, in the amount $114.36, paid to the order of [redacted] signed [redacted] and endorsed [redacted] b6 b7C

A receipt was furnished to DEAVOURS NIX containing five items which were taken from his billfold. NIX was given a copy of the receipt but he refused to sign the receipt. The items are as follows:

1) One small note on sheet of paper written in ink containing the name [redacted] phone [redacted] FBI, [redacted] FBI, [redacted] b6 b7C

2) One cafe receipt No. 083570 stating County dues No. 56 4--

3) One check drawn on the Commercial National Bank and Trust Company of Laurel dated March 26, 1966, payable to cash, for $3.00, signed [redacted] b6 b7C

4) One $3.00 check dated January 8, 1966, payable to cash, drawn on the Commercial National Bank and Trust Company of Laurel, signed [redacted] endorsed D. NIX, and a form from the bank indicating "Unable to locate."

5) One draft drawn on the Commercial National Bank of Laurel and on the back of the draft appeared the date "1/23/65" with the following words:

[redacted]
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New Boy
DD
45 Kilowatt
Purse
Purse Guest
MACC
[redacted]

NIX was questioned concerning the burning of the VERNON DAHMER property, his participation in this act of violence, and his attendance at meetings where this act of violence against DAHMER was planned. He was also questioned concerning his affiliation with the White Knights. NIX remained mute. He said he would answer no questions whatsoever and Agents could interview him "from now on" and he would never discuss the matter. He said, "I will have my day in court before a jury."

He was questioned at length concerning the items found in his billfold, and he would not answer any questions but would only acknowledge that the amount of $195 located in his billfold was correct.

He was then transported to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] and Investigator [redacted] where he was taken before the U. S. Commissioner after conferring with his attorneys, [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted at Nick's Drive-In in Laurel, Mississippi, and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. He was advised by SA [redacted] that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney, or anyone else, prior to furnishing any information.

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On 3/5/66 at Laurel, Mississippi File#

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] mnr Date dictated

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 30, 1966

A search warrant issued by USC [redacted] on March 28, 1966, at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for the premises known as John's Cafe, 116 Teresa Street, Laurel, Mississippi, was executed at the above address at 7:04 A.M., March 28, 1966, a copy of which was furnished to Mrs. SYBIL NIX. b6 b7C

The following is an inventory of property taken from John's Cafe, March 28, 1966, pursuant to the above described search warrant:

1) 9 mm automatic pistol, SN 4652, with clip and three shells in clip

2) Two boxes of 9 mm shells

3) Copies of affidavit made by [redacted]

4) Copy of affidavit made by [redacted]

5) Copy of affidavit made by [redacted] on March 9, 1966

6) Original copy of affidavit made by [redacted] on March 9, 1966. b6 b7C

7) Handwritten affidavit witnessed by [redacted]

8) One pair of handcuffs

9) Letter dated March 10, 1966, from [redacted] of Citizens' Council of Greater New Orleans

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On 3/28/66 at Laurel, Mississippi File# Jackson 44-1512

SAs [redacted] b6 b7C

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10) Sworn statement of [redacted]

11) Statement of [redacted] February 3, 1966, in [redacted] b6 b7C

12) Map of State of Mississippi broken down by districts and provinces

13) Copy of the Klan Ledger, undated

14) Copy of the Klan Ledger dated for period December 1, 1965 - January 1966

15) One composition book, 10½" x 8"

16) Three black and white photographs of white male

17) Copy of receipt dated September 20, 1965, from [redacted] to DEAVOURS NIX b6 b7C

18) Receipt dated December 2, 1965, containing hand-written notes

19) Envelopes (2) containing Legal Defense Fund information and forms

20) Eight sound recording tapes

21) One reel of sound recording tape (reel badly damaged)

A copy of the items of property taken was given to Mrs. SYBIL NIX.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 31, 1966

At approximately 8:00 P.M. DEAVOURS NIX was observed driving his 1963 Thunderbird on Highway 84 west of Laurel in the Calhoun Community. He was accompanied by a white male individual who attempted to photograph SA's [redacted] and [redacted] who were parked adjacent to Highway 84. At about 8:30 P.M. NIX was observed driving the same car on Fifth Street in Laurel, Mississippi. He stopped and the man with him jumped out of the car and again attempted to photograph the Agents. At this time it was observed that the man with him was [redacted] who is known to SA [redacted] got back into the car, and NIX made some wild maneuvers as if he were attempting to cause the Agents to run into him. The Agents discontinued observing this automobile at that time.

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Date March 30, 1966

A search warrant issued by USC [redacted] on March 28, 1966, at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for the premises known as 825 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, was executed at the above address at 5:57 A.M., March 28, 1966, a copy of which was furnished to DEAVOURS NIX at the same address.

The following is an inventory of property taken pursuant to the above described search warrant:

1) One loaded Model 923 H and R .22 caliber revolver, SN 19763

2) Five rounds of .22 caliber shells found in cylinder of Model 923 H and R .22 caliber revolver, SN 19763

3) One photograph of white male in white robe holding hand gun

4) Four 12 gauge Western shotgun shells

5) Six .25 caliber shells and two .22 caliber shells

6) Five .38 caliber shells and two 9 mm luger shells

7) One empty .38 caliber shell

8) One white box containing sound recording tape

9) One copy of affidavit made by [redacted] on March 7, 1966

10) One package in brown paper addressed to John's Restaurant, Laurel, Mississippi, marked "Educational Tapes"

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SAs [redacted]

by [redacted] mnr Date dictated 3/29/66

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11) Three sound recording tapes

12) Nine .22 caliber shells

13) Three pieces of paper bearing handwritten notes

A copy of the items of property taken was given to Mrs. SYBIL NIX.

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A search of the fingerprints on the above individual has failed to disclose prior arrest data.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON DEAVOURS NIX

On February 3, 1966, Detective [redacted] Police Department, Laurel, Mississippi, advised that the files of that department show the following identification record for NIX:

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DATE	CHARGE	ARRESTING OFFICERS	DISPOSITION
4/10/47	No driver's license	[redacted]	$5.00 suspended
5/3/48	No driver's license		$5.00 cash bond
7/15/53	Speeding		$20.00 cash bond
10/9/53	Assault		Dismissed
5/31/54	Run stop sign		$5.00 cash bond
5/31/54	Speeding		$10.00 cash bond
6/24/57	No tag		$10.00 cash bond
9/2/62	Assault		$10.00 cash bond
5/10/64	Disturbance		Dismissed
5/19/64	Assault		$10.00 cash bond
7/13/65	Assault		Dismissed, not guilty
8/14/65	Assault		Posted $52 cash bond, case later dismissed, $3 court cost suspended.

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The police files show the following description of NIX:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	42
Date of Birth	November 30, 1923
Height	6 feet
Weight	185
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown

A review of the records of the Chancery Court, Second Judicial District, Jones County, Mississippi, showed the following information filed under Number 19167 in a divorce case of DEAVOURS NIX versus SYBIL C. NIX:

This bill for divorce was filed on April 25, 1962, which shows that both husband and wife are residents of Jones County, Mississippi, having been married in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on February 19, 1947. They are [redacted] b6 b7C DEAVOURS NIX charged that his wife nagged, cursed and abused him, that she came and went without giving reasons at all hours of the night, drank excessively and frequented places of ill repute with other males. NIX asked for custody of the children, stating that he and his wife stopped living together on April 22, 1962. On July 17, 1962, Mrs. NIX filed an answer to the above bill and denied all allegations made by her husband. She also asked for custody of the children and claimed that after the original complaint was filed she and her husband lived together until June 15, 1962. They were living in the family residence at 325 North 15th Avenue. She also accused DEAVOURS NIX of failure to support her and the children and of striking her. The records show that a final degree of divorce was filed on August 16, 1962, which granted the children to the mother with visitation rights for the father. He was ordered to pay for the support of his wife and children at the rate of $50.00 per month.

The records of the Jones County Circuit Court, Second District, Laurel, Mississippi, show that DEAVOURS NIX and SYBIL NIX were married October 23, 1962, at Laurel, Mississippi. This record is found in Marriage Record Book No. 29, page 404. This book also indicates that both have previously been married and divorced.

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WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE AND
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM in captioned matters.

The source mentioned in paragraph one of attached LHM is [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. b2 b7D

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Jackson, Mississippi
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OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE AND
LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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On April 12, 1966, Detective [redacted] Laurel Police Department, Laurel, Mississippi, advised an agent of the FBI that on April 11, 1966, at about 8:30 p.m. he attended a public rally held two and one-half miles northwest of Laurel, Mississippi, near the Shady Grove Community. This rally was sponsored by the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCPLDF). The WCPLDF is a fund-raising organization used by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), according to a source who has furnished reliable information in the past.

A master of ceremonies and one of the principal speakers at the rally was [redacted] of "The Southern Review," a Jackson, Mississippi, newspaper and publication of the WKKKKOM. The other main speaker was [redacted] WKKKKOM, whose speech was aimed principally at denouncing the FBI. [redacted] was followed by twelve of the men who have been arrested and charged in connection with the alleged burning and shooting into the residence of former National Association for the Advancement of Colored People leader Vernon Dahmer, Forrest County, Mississippi, which took place on January 10, 1966. These men were [redacted] Deavours Nix, [redacted] All of the above persons denied guilt in connection with the [redacted]

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KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

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LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Detective [redacted] advised that there were no unusual incidents in connection with this rally. He estimated that between two and three thousand persons were present. He stated that three collections were taken during the rally and he estimated that about $1,000 was collected to pay legal expenses of those who have been arrested.

Characterizations of the Anti-Communist Christian Association, also known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), and the WKKKKOM are attached to this memorandum.

APPENDIX

ANTI-COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (ACCA),
ALSO KNOWN AS
ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (OKKKK)

A source advised on October 13, 1965, that the ACCA was formed February, 1965, when members of the OKKKK residing in the Sixth Louisiana Congressional District broke away from the State organization in the Fall of 1964.

The source stated members were told that even though the organization's name had been changed to ACCA they should still consider themselves to be Klansmen and that they would continue to operate as Klansmen.

In February, 1965, ACCA filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State's Office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Source advised that the purpose of the ACCA is to promote Americanism, white supremacy and to maintain segregation.

A hearing was held in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, during the week of September 11, 1965, wherein the ACCA and various individuals were held to answer a Justice Department petition seeking a temporary injunction against interference with the activities of civil rights workers in the Bogalusa, Louisiana area.

[redacted] identified as the [redacted] of this organization, told the court that the Klan went out of existence four months previously and was succeeded by the ACCA. In reorganizing, ACCA retained as its officers the existing Klan officers, bylaws, and basic organization, according to [redacted] He further told the court that the ACCA membership was restricted to the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana. Every oath in the ACCA was the same as that of the Klan, and the meeting places were often the same.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI (WKKKKOM)
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (WCPLDF)
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

On April 23, 1966, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he attended a public rally held at the drag strip in the Eatonville Community of Forrest County, which is near Hattiesburg, Mississippi. This rally was sponsored by the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCPLDF). He said the WCPLDF is a fund raising organization that is being used by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) in defense of the men who were arrested in connection with the alleged burning and shooting into the residence of former National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) leader Vernon Dahmer of Forrest County, Mississippi, which took place on January 10, 1966. The source advised that a sign was erected on a ticket booth at the entrance to the rally which read that no investigators, no recorders, and no press with cameras would be admitted.

The source advised that the master of ceremonies and one of the principal speakers at this rally was [redacted] of "The Southern Review", a Jackson, Mississippi, newspaper and a publication of the WKKKKOM. The source said the other main speaker was [redacted] of the WKKKKOM. [redacted] was reported as speaking about twenty minutes regarding the illegal search of his farm

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by the FBI and investigators of the Highway Patrol, who used helicopters to enter onto his property.

[redacted] was the concluding speaker who denounced the FBI and claimed the only Bible the FBI ever used was a 670 page manual given to the graduates of the FBI training school and that this was the only Bible they ever believed in. [redacted] claimed that over 2,000 had resigned since the passing of the Civil Rights Bill. During the rally, [redacted] Deavours Nix, [redacted] who were arrested and charged in connection with the Vernon Dahmer residence being burned and shot into, made short speeches, and each denied guilt in connection with the Dahmer case.

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The source advised there was no unusual incidents in connection with this rally. He estimated that there were between 175 and 225 people present. He said that although there was no announcement made, he believed the collections taken from the audience would not have totaled more than $100. The source stated that a magazine of the WKKKKOM was sold at the rally and this magazine is [redacted] and is published by BRA - LGO Publishers, Incorporated of Birmingham, Alabama.

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The source said that it was announced that a similar rally would be held Friday, April 29, 1966, at Gulfport, Mississippi. The source said the following individuals, who are known members of the Forrest County Klavern of the WKKKKOM, were observed in attendance at the rally:

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A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage, and rights of the white race of America.

A second source advised on October 6, 1965, that the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is an unincorporated secret organization existing in the State of Mississippi and dedicated to the preservation of white supremacy at any cost, including the use of force and violence. The official constitution and other directives of the organization do not show any advocation of force or violence, but it is generally conceded among the members that in the end force and violence will be the only salvation of the white man with regard to his relationships with the Negro race, The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is controlled by the Imperial Wizard and other State Officers and the state is divided into districts and provinces. There is an estimated membership, as of October 6, 1965, of 1500 to 2000 dues-paying members of this organization. The aims and purposes of the organization continue to be the same as when the organization was created in February, 1964.

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The source who furnished the information in the LHM is [redacted] Jackson file 170-203, whose identity is known to the Bureau. b2 b7D

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Attached is a copy for each of the above files, a two page (type written on both sides) leaflet captioned "THIS HAPPENED IN AMERICA NOT RUSSIA" and "AFFIDAVIT ON FBI VIOLENCE".

These copies were mailed to residents of Hattiesburg Miss., from P. O. Box 51715 New Orleans, La., or the "Citizens' Council of Greater New Orleans, Inc., 509 Delta Bldg., NO,La.,

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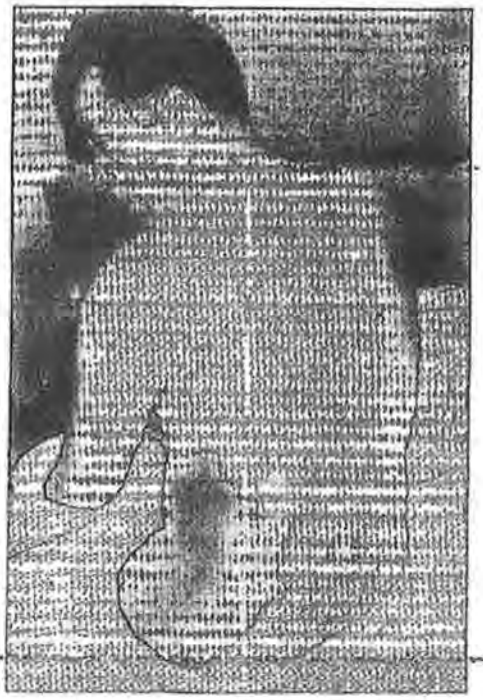
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This unretouched photograph of Mr. Deavours Nix, a white man of Laurel, Mississippi shows the results of a brutal beating at which Local, County, State and Federal Police were present. But read the following account for yourself. If you have a weak stomach stop right here!

Laurel Man Tells Of Beating

Hattiesburg, Miss.--In a special report from a Southern Review correspondent, the following facts were learned concerning the arrest and imprisonment of a citizen of Laurel. This reporter believes it to be an example of arrest and persecution for political purposes.

Mr. Deavours Nix, owner of John's Restaurant, Laurel, made a trip to Hattiesburg on the afternoon of Monday, February 14, 1966, to purchase advertising time for his restaurant from radio station WBKH. During the trip down Interstate 59, and all around Hattiesburg, he was under constant surveillance of radio-controlled patrol cars and officers of the FBI and Mississippi State Highway Patrol investigators. During this time, Mr. Nix was conscious of this surveillance, and, therefore, doubly alert and careful not to violate any traffic regulations. When his business in Hattiesburg was completed, Mr. Nix, still under close surveillance by the investigators, drove back toward Laurel. Finally, when it became clear that Mr. Nix would return to Laurel without violating any traffic regulations or any other laws, State Highway Patrol investigators J. Y. Thomas and Ford O'Neill overtook him as he was entering Interstate 59, northbound, from U. S. 49.

The posted ramp speed limit between these two highways is 30 miles per hour, and this point was carefully noted and observed by Mr. Nix, just as he had been noting and observing all other traffic regulations while he was in Hattiesburg. (It should be understood that the speed limit on the Inter-

state is 70 miles per hour, and as there are virtually no minor regulations to be observed while traveling on the Interstate, the ramp leading to Interstate 59 presented the last possible opportunity to the State Investigators for an arrest for speeding.) Mr. Nix was falsely accused by Thomas and O'Neill of "driving 47 miles per hour in a 30-mile zone," and promptly informed that he "must go to the County jail with us." Mr. Nix was taken to the County jail in a brown 1965 Plymouth with a beige top, in custody of J. Y. Thomas and Ford O'Neill and also followed in this journey by a blue 1965 Plymouth in which an investigator identified as Richardson was riding. Arriving at the jail, Mr. Nix requested to be allowed to pay his fine, and was told by Thomas, "That will come later."

Immediately after Mr. Nix was taken inside the jail, about 5:00 P. M., swarms of FBI and State investigator cars began to assemble in the yard outside the Court House. There were approximately a dozen of these cars, each containing at least two men, who assembled in the jail yard between 5:00 and 6:00 P. M. The entire atmosphere was one of complete and absolute police domination over the individual rights of any and all citizens in the vicinity by this massive police demonstration.

The accused law violator, Mr. Nix was outnumbered approximately 30-1. Several of the inmates of the jail remarked to Mr. Nix that they had never "seen such a crowd of cops assembled in the jail yard before." Some inmates were convinced that Mr. Nix must have at least robbed the U. S. mint in order to justify such an assemblage, when in fact, Mr. Nix, whom the Establishment imagines to be a political enemy, had only been traveling a highway ramp at the legal speed of 30 miles per hour.

Inside the jail, Ford O'Neill attempted to fingerprint Mr. Nix, but the latter refused to cooperate, giving as his reason the fact that he was being held on a misdemeanor charge, and not a felony, and insisting that he did not have to submit to this procedure of criminal identification. Finally, Sheriff Bud Gray come on the scene, grabbed Mr. Nix around the body, twisted his arm behind his back, kicked him, and wrenched his body back and forth until he caused enough pain to Mr. Nix to force him to submit to the fingerprinting.

Mr. Nix has a long history of back trouble. His back was broken in an accident several years ago, and the violent twisting and wrenching of his body by Sheriff Bud Gray, a large and powerful man, has caused him further injury. Mr. Nix was not released from the Forrest County jail until the following day. He was kept in the jail bull pen during the night of February 14-15. After his release and return to his home in Laurel, he sought medical attention and was confined to a bed in the hospital by his physician.

At his trial in Hattiesburg on Wednesday, February 16, Mr. Nix, through his attorney, while still under a physician's care in Laurel, presented a notarized doctor's certificate attesting to his physical illness, and requested a continuance. This was summarily denied, all his bonds, in the amount of $1200, were ordered forfeited, and he was "convicted" of resisting an officer and fined $150 and 30 days in jail by the Justice of the Peace in Forrest County.

Mr. Nix has been repeatedly alleged to be a member of the Ku Klux Clan. He was sommoned before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in the recent Washington hearings. Many accusations have been made against him, but not one shred of proof involving his affiliation with the organization or any criminal activity has ever been offered. He has never been investigated by a Grand Jury in connection with this; he has never been charged with a felony, and enjoys a good reputation as a hard-working citizen of Laurel, Mississippi. He is married, the father of three school children in Laurel. Mr. Nix has stated publicly by means of a sworn affidavit that on Friday, February 11, prior to his arrest in Hattiesburg on the trumped-up speeding charge, he was cursed, and the safety of his family was threatened by two FBI agents, Webb and Ingram. Following this cursing and threatening, Mr. Nix swore out affidavits against these two FBI agents at the City Hall in Laurel, and he believes that the incident in Hattiesburg was a direct outgrowth of his filing the affidavits against the two FBI men. Mr. Nix has further stated that this case is a clear-cut illustration of the collaboration which exists between the national police force of Nicholas Katzenbach and the State police force of Lyndon B. Johnson's lackey, Paul B. Johnson.

Affidavit On FBI Violence

On Friday, February 11, 1966, at about 6:30 P. M., after dark, I walked out of the front door of my residence on 15th Avenue in Laurel, Mississippi, to get in my automobile, which was parked in my driveway. As I was unlocking my car door, I heard someone shout from across the street, "Hey, Deavours." I looked up and two men immediately jumped out of a turquoise colored 1963? Plymouth, which was parked across the street from my house. They both crossed the street at a fast walk, toward me, and entered my front yard and driveway without my permission. The taller of the two spoke first to me in a harsh, stern voice and said, "We want to talk to you." I replied, "So, you want to talk to me?" The smaller of the two snarled, "We have been waiting to get to you for a long time." The other one made the first of several veiled threats against my wife and three children. The first one then demanded that I account for my whereabouts on the night of the bombing of the Dahmer nigger's house in Hattiesburg.

I immediately pointed out to these men that they were operating under false pretense, and were trying to question me rather than talk to me,which is what they had promised to do when they first walked up to me on my property. In addition, I pointed out that I did not know either of them personally and that they had failed to identify themselves to me. They then produced some card folders from out of their pockets which identified them as special agents Ingram (the taller of the two), and Jim Webb, #4453, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

When I found out that these men were FBI men, I immediately informed them that I did not trust them, and that I was afraid of them and that I wanted them to leave my property immediately. I told them that I believed that they had masterminded a plot which caused dynamite to be planted in a Laurel citizen's car only last week, and that I was not going to have anything to do with anyone that would do a thing like that. Ingram, then threatened to sue me for that statement, and I replied, "I don't care about that because I know it is the truth."

He then said, "You had better be careful, because something might happen to your wife and three children. When he said that I told him that was the second time that he had threatened my wife and children, and if anything did happen to my family, I would hold them personally responsible.

When he realized that he had committed a felony by threatening the personal safety of my wife and children, Ingram then assaulted me by shaking his finger right in my face, and attempting to bluster, deny and frighten me all at the same time. I told him to take his finger out of my face and Ingram then started cursing and said, "You G--D---S--O-B----, I'll shake my finger at who I D--- well please."

Whereupon, I informed him that he had committed a crime against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi, and immediately I turned to the front door of my house where my wife and son were standing and listening, and told them to call the police immediately. The two FBI men then hurried back toward their car across the street, and I challenged them to be honest for a change and wait for the police to arrive. The city policemen who arrived were Captain Sellers and Patrolman Wells. I told them what had happened and told them that I wanted these two violators arrested and charged with disturbing the peace and threatening my wife and children and using profane language in public. The city policemen were nervous and appeared to be afraid of the FBI men. The city policemen were reluctant to take the FBI men into custody, which, of course, they were supposed to do.

Finally, when I saw that the City policemen were not going to do anything, I left immediately for the city hall and arriving there, I swore out affidavits against the two violators, and formally charged them with the crimes which they had committed.

On the morning of Saturday, February 12, 1966, just before noon, I called the Laurel Police Department to find out what had been done about the case. I was told by the lady desk clerk that Ingram and Webb had escaped and could

no longer be found in the city of Laurel. She also told me that my sworn complaints were in the hands of Police Chief, Clyde Nix.

Then I called Bob Lee, the head FBI man in Laurel. I asked him to assist the Laurel Police in bringing Webb and Ingram to justice. Mr. Lee was very evasive and tried to suggest that he and I get together and "talk this thing out." I informed Mr. Lee that these men had comitted several crimes and that the judge was the proper man to hear the case. I do not believe that it is either lawful or proper to have secret discussions about crimes. I feel that the maintenance of law and order in our community requires that the law be enforced without fear or favor.

There is no doubt in my mind or the mind of any informed person in Laurel, that this community is swarming with a large number of arrogant and violent men in the FBI service. These men are openly contemptuous of law and obey only some clandestine code of their own, by which they secretly protect each other from prosecution. They are so well financed and organized that our honest local police live in terror of them.

I am well aware of the power of these men and also the brutality of these men with the FBI and I am afraid of them, but I will not remain silent and see our American institution of equal justice under law destroyed without exposing those who work against it, regardless of their position or power.

I am very sorry about the bombing of the Dahmer nigger, as are all law abiding citizens of Mississippi. I do not know anything about the case and would be willing to help if I could, but until this unconstitutional civil rights business is brought under control, and the National Police quit messing around in our local affairs and preventing our local police from enforcing the law, I am not going to talk to anyone about anything even remotely conncected with civil rights.

I hope that the publication of this will help to inform the people of America of the danger which exists in a National Police force. If it does, then the humiliation and sacrifice to which I may be subjected may not be in vain.

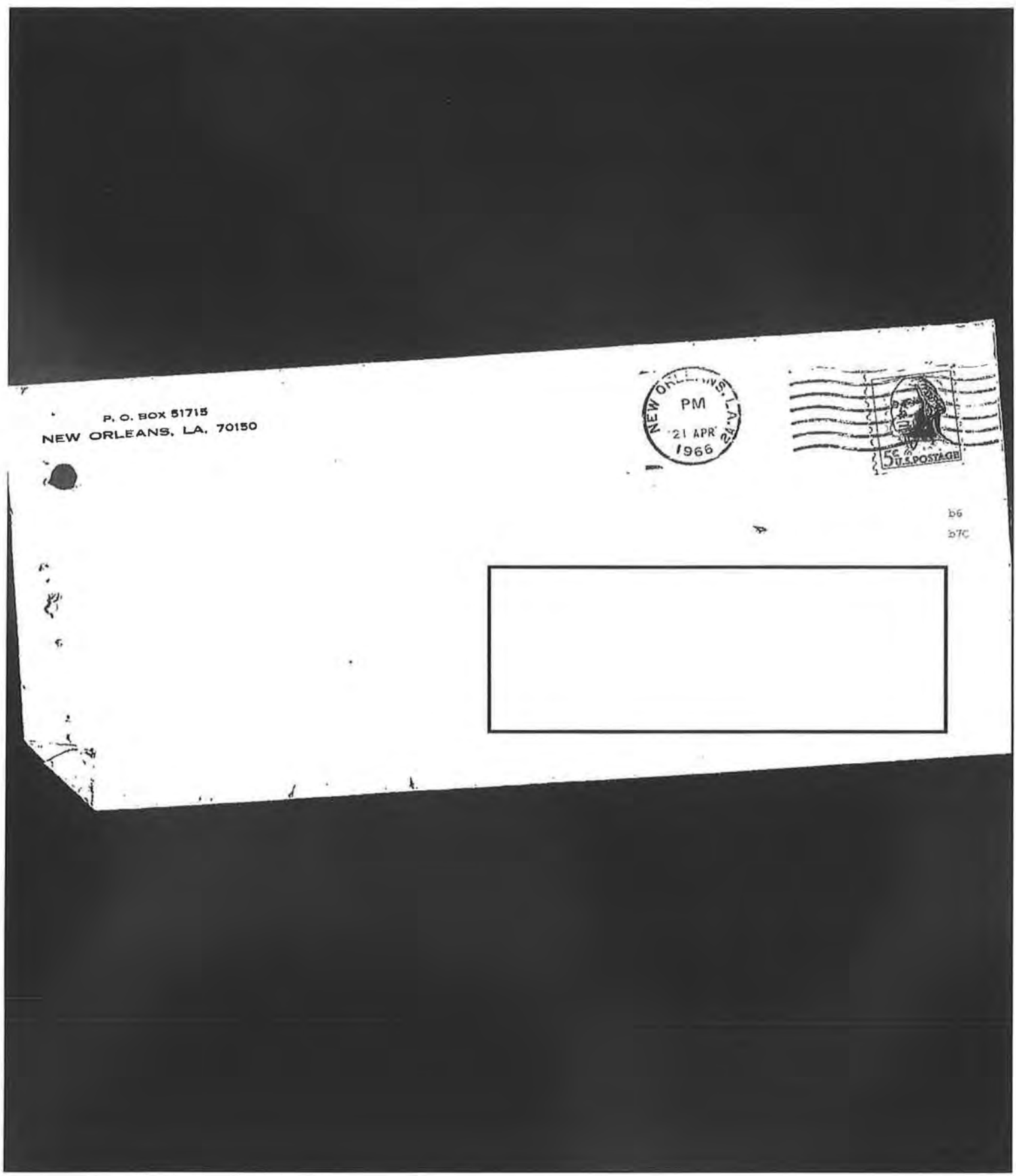
With charity for all, and malice toward none, I shall always remain a peaceful and loyal citizen of Mississippi and America.

(S) Deavours Nix
DEAVOURS NIX

Deavours Nix personally appeared before me the undersigned authority, who first being duly sworn, states under oath that the foregoing is a true and correct representation of the events described, and the facts therein and did affix his signature in my presence this the 14 day of February, 1966, in Laurel, Mississippi.

Winston T. Shows,
Chancery Clerk
Jones County, Mississippi
By (S) Ann West, D.C.

My commission expires 1/1/68.


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At approximately 4:10 p.m., April 8, 1966, [redacted] also known as [redacted] after observing Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at a grocery store, corner of Lower Myrick and Boutwell Road, Myrick Community, East Laurel, Mississippi, engaged the Agents in conversation. b6 b7C

[redacted] acknowledged the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised immediately by SA [redacted] of his right to consult an attorney, relative, friend or anyone of his choice prior to making any statement to the Agents. [redacted] advised that he had already obtained an attorney but did not desire to contact him prior to talking to the Agents. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised in this conversation, that he wanted the Agents to know that he had no involvement in the DAHMER murder but stated that he had been trying to determine exactly who was responsible and specifics thereof. b6 b7C

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[redacted] stated that "a few days ago," exact date he could not recall but remembered it to be a day or so after [redacted] had been released on bond, that [redacted] was with [redacted] and DEAVOURS NIX at John's Restaurant in Laurel. He stated that DEAVOURS NIX made the statement to [redacted] agreed with NIX by stating "it's their word against ours."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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May 5, 1966

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Page 16 of the April 28, 1966, issue of "The Biloxi-Gulfport Daily Herald," a daily newspaper, carried an article captioned, "Fund Raising Rally at Arena." It stated as follows:

"A fund raising rally will be held Friday at the Woolmarket Lions Club Horse Show arena for the benefit of the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Organization, a group organized by [redacted] at Jackson.

"The arena is located on the Latimer Road north of Gulfport.

"Purpose of the rally, which will begin with entertainment at 7 PM, is to raise money for bail, fines, court fees and other costs incurred by citizens arrested during civil rights demonstrations.

"Speaker will be [redacted] the announcement said.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has identified [redacted] of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM).

Attached to this memorandum is a characterization of the WKKKKOM.

On April 29, 1966, [redacted] Clerk of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, Gulfport, Mississippi, advised that he is a member of the Woolmarket Lions Club and that he was requested by the president of the Woolmarket Lions Club to contact "The Biloxi-Gulfport Daily Herald" and determine who

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authorized the use of the name of the Woolmarket Lions Club in the article appearing in the April 28, 1966, issue of their paper. He ascertained from the paper the announcement was furnished the paper by [redacted] and that it was published the way it was prepared by [redacted]

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A second Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified [redacted] as one of [redacted] in the Gulfport Klavern of the WKKKKOM.

"The Biloxi-Gulfport Daily Herald," issue of February 1, 1966, stated that [redacted] refused today to answer questions put to him by investigators of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) regarding his Klan activities."

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The April 29, 1966, issue of "The Biloxi-Gulfport Daily Herald," page 28, carried an article captioned, "Lions Club Not Connected With Rally," which stated as follows:

"The Woolmarket Lions Club is in no way associated with a fund raising rally for the benefit of the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund, being held tonight at the Lions Club Horse Show Arena, according to [redacted]

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"The Lions Club has previously used the same arena for holding horse shows for the benefit of the club."

On the afternoon of April 29, 1966, Agents of the FBI observed signs stating, "White Christian P and LD Fund - Rally" at the A-1 Sign Company, 252030th Street, Gulfport, Mississippi, which company is [redacted] according to his admissions.

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On March 29 - 30, 1966, [redacted] admitted to Agents of the FBI that he was at that time a member of the WKKKKOM and that until recently he was the [redacted] of the Gulfport Klavern of the WKKKKOM.

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At approximately 6:30 p.m. on April 29, 1966, [redacted] was observed placing the aforementioned signs on Dedeaux Road leading to the Woolmarket Lions Club Arena.

On April 29, 1966, [redacted] previously mentioned, advised the Woolmarket Lions Club Arena is located on the property of [redacted] and is near the intersection of Latimer and Dedeaux Roads, several miles north of Gulfport, Mississippi, and to the east of United States Highway 49.

The second confidential source mentioned has also advised that [redacted] is known to this source as a member of the Gulfport Klavern of the WKKKKOM.

On the evening of April 29, 1966, Agents of the FBI observed the public rally held at the Woolmarket Lions Club arena. At approximately 7:00 p.m. musical entertainment was furnished by a group introduced as the Gospel Tone Singers from Wiggins, Mississippi. Their part of the program lasted until 7:45 p.m. and during the singing the members of the quartet were introduced as follows:

[redacted]

On May 2, 1966, Investigator [redacted] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP)(NA), advised that he had learned from [redacted] that on Monday, April 25, 1966, he, [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] requesting their quartet sing at a, "Christian fund raising rally to be held April 29, 1966, at Gulfport, Mississippi." On Wednesday, April 27, 1966, he advised [redacted] they would sing at the rally if their expenses would be paid. [redacted] denied knowing anything else concerning the rally at the time they accepted.

Following the singing, one [redacted] not further identified, who acted as the master of ceremonies of the rally, called upon [redacted] who gave the invocation. [redacted] then introduced [redacted] saying that [redacted] "is the man responsible for organizing this rally."

(In connection with [redacted] mentioned above, Investigator [redacted] MHSP, advised on May 2, 1966, that [redacted] told him that the only persons he knew at the meeting were the [redacted] from station WBKH, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and [redacted]

[redacted] spoke briefly saying he was very disappointed at the small crowd present and that he had hoped more people would have been present.

[redacted] then introduced the following persons who were arrested in connection with the civil rights violation growing out of the burning of the residence of Vernon Dahmer, the Negro Civil Rights leader, on January 10, 1966, in Forrest County, Mississippi.

[redacted]

Deavours Nix

[redacted]

Their introductions and comments lasted for about one hour and they all claimed they were innocent of the charges for which they had been arrested by the FBI and they protested the fact that they had been treated like criminals in that they were fingerprinted and photographed by the press. Some went

into detail concerning their arrests while others maintained they had been harassed prior to their arrest by the FBI. They were all critical of the FBI Agents and the officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP). Deavours Nix, in referring to the officers of the MHSP, called them, "Johnson's (Governor Johnson) white niggers."

The final speaker of the evening was [redacted] who spoke from approximately 8:45 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. [redacted] started his speech by stating that "If you have come here expecting to hear the Negro and Jew damned them you are at the wrong place." He then went on to draw a parallel between the persecution of the early Christians in Biblical times and persecution of the individuals present who were arrested by the FBI in Jones County, Mississippi, in connection with the burning of the Dahmer residence. He was highly critical of the FBI investigators and the officers of the MHSP who worked with the FBI in this investigation. He pointed out that in Biblical times it was the soldiers of the government that mistreated and killed the Christians and that in present day the Christians are being persecuted by the FBI and the Federal officials in Washington.

During his speech he also made reference to the fact that the American soldier fighting in Viet Nam today is fighting a losing battle, stating that if he kills the enemy he is carrying out the aims and objectives of the "Communist Government" in Washington, D. C., headed by "L.B.J., [redacted] and J. Edgar Hoover." If he is killed by the enemy in Viet Nam he loses to the Viet Con and the Chinese Communist. He stated "What is the difference, the soldier loses anyway and both are communist controlled."

[redacted] in his speech, made no reference to the Ku Klux Klan and neither did he make any reference to acts of violence. He claimed that what is happening to the men who were on the platform that night could happen to anyone in the audience.

Through the evening different persons, including the men introduced that night, made repeated trips throughout the small crowd with large buckets soliciting funds. Various speakers also made appeals for funds to aid in the defense of the Christian men arrested by the FBI.

Investigators [redacted] (NA) and [redacted] (NA), of the MHSP who were present at the rally held on the evening of April 29, 1966, estimated there were about fifty to seventy-five adults present including those appearing on the platform. Most of the cars present bore Harrison or Jones County, Mississippi, license. b6 b7C

In addition to those persons appearing on the platform Agents of the FBI observed the following persons in attendance at the rally:

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In addition to the persons listed above as present, Investigator [redacted] MHSP, identified the following additional persons as present: b6 b7C

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In addition to the persons previously listed, the second confidential source mentioned identified the following persons as present:

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The confidential source mentioned above identified [redacted] and [redacted] as members of the Gulfport Klavern of the WKKKKOM.

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On June 6, 1964, a public Klan meeting was held in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, at which time [redacted] identified himself as the [redacted] of the Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This meeting started out with approximately 80 persons present and ended up with about ten persons present. Four of this group joined [redacted] group that night.

[redacted] Investigator, MHSP, advised that on the night of April 29, 1966, [redacted] identified himself to him as still being [redacted] of this group.

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During October, 1965, [redacted] from the speaker's platform at a public United Klan rally in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, admitted that he was then a member of the United Klans of America (UKA).

Attached to this memorandum is a characterization of the UKA.

During January, 1966, [redacted] appeared before HCUA and refused to answer questions concerning his Klan activities according to "The Biloxi-Gulfport Daily Herald" issue of January 14, 1966.

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With regard to [redacted] Investigator [redacted] MHSP, advised that [redacted] lost his position with the MHSP because of his affiliation with the WKKKKOM.

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A third confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] is a member of the WKKKKOM in Jones County, Mississippi.

Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] (MHSP), advised they obtained the following license numbers of vehicles which were in attendance at the aforementioned rally on the night of April 29, 1966. They further advised that they had determined from records of MHSP to whom these license had been issued. They furnished the following list:

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GD 2290 Plumber and Steamfitter Local Union, 1237 Pass Road, Gulfport, Mississippi, for a blue 1962 Pontiac.

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On April 29, 1966, the second confidential source mentioned advised that the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund rally held on the night of April 29, 1966, was sponsored by the Gulfport Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. The source said that in addition to those persons identified by him as in attendance there were other persons there whom he recognized as having attended other Klan functions in the past but the source did not know their names. Source also advised that after the rally was over the source was talking with a leader of the WKKKKOM who advised him that the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund planned to hold another rally at Meridian, Mississippi, in the near future but that no date had been set for this rally as yet. Source stated that at the rally on April 29, 1966, [redacted]

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A fifth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that all of the persons introduced at the rally on the night of April 28, 1966, at Gulfport, who were arrested by the FBI in connection with civil rights violation growing out of the burning of the Vernon Dahmer residence, have, in the past, been members of the WKKKKOM in Jones County, Mississippi.

APPENDIX

ANTI-COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (ACCA), ALSO KNOWN AS ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (OKKKK)

A source advised on October 13, 1965, that the ACCA was formed February, 1965, when members of the OKKKK residing in the Sixth Louisiana Congressional District broke away from the State organization in the Fall of 1964.

The source stated members were told that even though the organization's name had been changed to ACCA they should still consider themselves to be Klansmen and that they would continue to operate as Klansmen.

In February, 1965, ACCA filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State's Office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Source advised that the purpose of the ACCA is to promote Americanism, white supremacy and to maintain segregation.

A hearing was held in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, during the week of September 11, 1965, wherein the ACCA and various individuals were held to answer a Justice Department petition seeking a temporary injunction against interference with the activities of civil rights workers in the Bogalusa, Louisiana, area.

[redacted] identified as the [redacted] of this organization, told the court that the Klan went out of existence four months previously and was succeeded by the ACCA. In reorganizing, ACCA retained as its officers the existing Klan officers, bylaws and basic organization, according to [redacted] He further told the court that the ACCA membership was restricted to the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana. Every oath in the ACCA was the same as that of the Klan, and the meeting places were often the same.

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on August 4, 1965, that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several southern states. This source said that Robert M. Shelton is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was last elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source said that the activity of the UKA is increasing, and that the national office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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Re Jackson airtel to Bureau dated 4/23/66, and Jackson teletype to Bureau dated 4/29/66.

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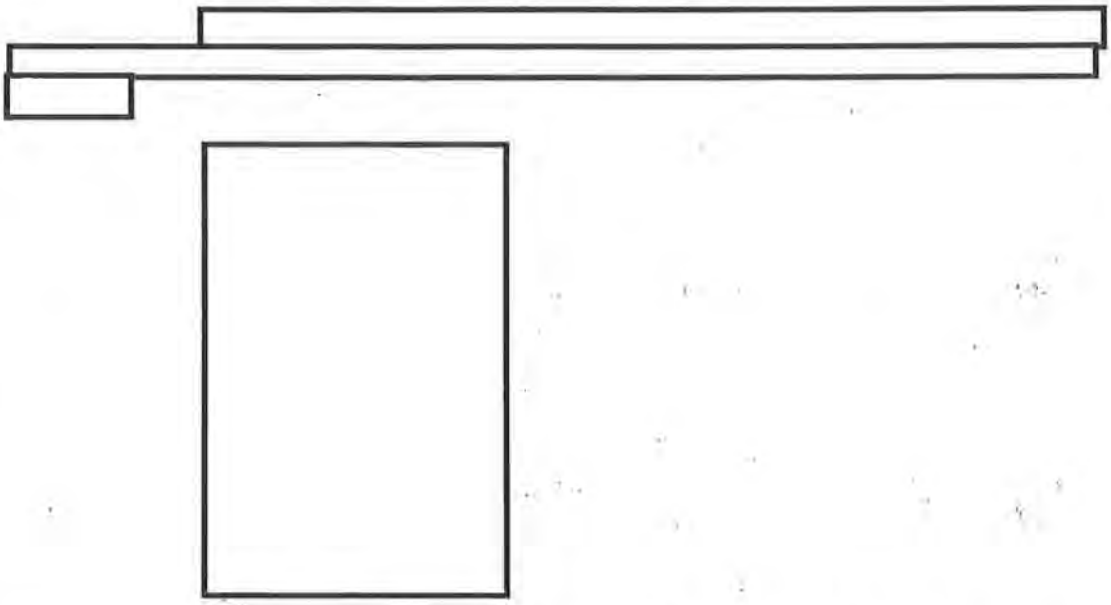
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WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (WCPLDF)

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference: Letterhead memorandum of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 9, 1966, at Jackson.

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DEAVOURS NIX

Character:
RACIAL MATTERS - (KLAN)

Synopsis:
Subject still resides at 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, and continues to operate John's Cafe, located at 116 Teresa Street, Laurel. He retains position of Klan Bureau of Investigator Agent and is still active in the WKKKKOM, activities set forth herein.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

On June 29, 1966, personal observation determined the subject still resides at 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi.

EMPLOYMENT

On numerous occasions personal observation determined that the subject still operates John's Cafe, 116 Teresa Street, Laurel, Mississippi.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

A search of the fingerprints of the subject through the Identification Division of the FBI on April 13, 1966 failed to disclose prior arrest data.

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CURRENT POSITION IN THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI (WKKKKOM)

On February 12, 1966 [redacted] advised the subject is the State Klan Bureau of Investigation Agent (KBI).

On May 20, 1966 [redacted] advised the subject is the KBI Agent for the WKKKKOM.

AUTOMOBILES

Personal observation of 325 North 15th Street and of John's Cafe, 116 Teresa Street, Laurel, Mississippi, determined the subject uses the following automobiles which were determined to be registered to him:

1963 Thunderbird, two-door, bearing 1966 Mississippi License KD 2312;

1961 red Volkswagen, bearing 1966 Mississippi License KA 2083;

1960 Jaguar sports coupe, red, bearing 1966 Mississippi License K 17274.

The 1960 Jaguar is registered in the subject's wife's name, SYBIL NIX.

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ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

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On April 12, 1966, [redacted] Detective, Laurel Police Department advised that he attended a big rally held two and one-half miles north-west of Laurel near the Shady Grove community at 8:30 P.M. on April 11, 1966. The rally was sponsored by the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCPLDF). DEAVOURS NIX, along with the other eleven men who were arrested and charged in connection with the burning and shooting into the residence of VERNON DAHMER, Forrest County, Mississippi, and [redacted] of the WKKKKOM gave a short talk at this rally. All of these persons denied any guilt in connection with the DAHMER case.

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APPENDIX

WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (WCPLDF)

The White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund is a fund raising organization used by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) according to sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

July 22, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

TITLE: DEAVOURS NIX

CHARACTER: RACIAL MATTERS - (KLAN)

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 22, 1966, at Jackson, Mississippi.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FD-376 (3-8-65)

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

July 22, 1966

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

2 - Bureau
(1) - Jackson (157-3484)
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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service, **Jackson, Mississippi**

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Enclosure(s) **One**

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3484) DATE: 9/6/66

FROM : SA [redacted] (P)

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SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RM - KLAN

00: Jackson

On 9/6/66, Sgtt [redacted] Laurel Police Dept., Laurel, Mississippi, advised that he resides in the vicinity of the home of DEAVOURS NIX who lives as 325 North 15th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi.

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[redacted] advised that NIX apparently recently purchased a new Ford stationwagon and still has several other cars which he and members of his family drive. [redacted] commented that NIX must spend a good deal on gasoline. NIX has also recently been seen leaving the house with golf clubs and has apparently started playing golf.

[redacted] advised that he has not observed any other unusual activity around NIX's house lately.

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SAC, JACKSON (44-1512) 9/6/66

SA [redacted] (P) b6 b7C

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OO: Jackson

On September 6, 1966, [redacted] Business Services, Inc., 501 North 5th Avenue, Laurel, Miss., advised that about three weeks ago DEAVOURS NIX came in and order another 500 copies of the affidavits of [redacted] and DEAVOURS NIX to be run off. [redacted] said that he ran them off and NIX picked them up. [redacted] said that he has printed copies of these affidavits before for NIX and [redacted] and that he keeps the plates for these affidavits in [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] said that these were the only items aside from cafe menus that they have printed from NIX.

[redacted] advised that he was a personal friend of [redacted] and has known him for about eight years. He said that both he and [redacted] have in the past been interested in guns and shooting. b6 b7C

[redacted] denied ever having been a member of any Klan organization.

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Race:
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Eyes:

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SAC, JACKSON (173-926) 9/9/66

SA [redacted] (P)

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DESEGREGATION OF LAUREL
SCHOOL DISTRICT, LAUREL, MISS.
FALL of 1966

OO: Jackson

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On 9/9/66, [redacted] of Laurel City Schools, Laurel, Mississippi, advised that shortly after noon on this date he received at his office a phone call from a man identifying himself as [redacted] The caller said that he had a child who would attend Stone Deavours Elementary School in Laurel and wanted to know if there were going to be Negro teachers in this school this year.

[redacted] advised him that there were going to be and that this was one of the requirements set forth by the Federal Government for the desegregation of the schools. The caller asked why there were going to be Negro teachers in Laurel schools when there were not going to be any in surrounding schools. [redacted] said that he was making this call to make known his protest to school authorities in connection with this.

[redacted] advised that a number of citizens of Laurel have told him that they were not in favor of desegregation, but that they understood the position of school authorities and would support them. This was the first call that [redacted] has received in which the caller totally objected to the actions of school authorities. [redacted] said that he did not consider this conversation with [redacted] to be in any manner a threat.

On the evening of 9/9/66, [redacted] was observed parking his vehicle in front of John's Cafe in Laurel and entering the cafe. Also seen in the vicinity were DEAVOURS NIX and [redacted] All three have been reported to be members of the White

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Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and presently out on bond in connection with the burning of the residence of VERNONE DAHMER, a Forrest County, Negro on 1/10/66.

On 9/8/66, Captain [redacted] Laurel Police Dept. advised that [redacted] accompaned several of his children to the first day of registration at Stone Deavours Elementary School. [redacted] went in the school with the students and othor parents. Approximately five Negro children attended this school for the first time on this date. b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] also advised that during this time [redacted] who does not live in this section of town, was on the school property. [redacted] asked him if he did not have any business there he had better move on. [redacted] then left the school property and stood across the street during the rest of the time that school registration was in process. b6 b7C

On 9/9/66 Captain [redacted] Laurel Police Department, advised that [redacted] and [redacted] reported members of the Klan, were observed driving around several of the previously all white schools on the morning of 9/8/66, the first day of registration. DEBOXTEL and [redacted] were togather. b6 b7C

On 9/8/66, Sgt. [redacted] Laurel Police Department advised that [redacted] was observed in the vicinity of the Lamar Elementary School on the morning of 9/8/66 during registration when about 25 Negro children registered in previously all Lamar school [redacted] advised that [redacted] does no have any children in this school and does not live in the vicinity. He has often been seen with known members of the Klan. b6 b7C

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5010-107-3

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO SAC, JACKSON (157-3484) DATE: 9/9/66

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: DEAVOURS NIX
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

OO: Jackson

On 9/9/66, spot check investigation was made at various places in Laurel, Mississippi, where known members of the Klan are known to frequent, including John's Cafe, Laurel, owned and operated by DEAVOURS NIX. b6 b7C

During the evening of this date, a blue 1961 Thunderbird, which previously has been observed driven by DEAVOURS NIX, was seen parked at John's Cafe. The car left the cafe driven by [redacted] Several times following this [redacted] made attempts to follow Bureau cars in the north end of Laurel.

On 9/9/66, Captain [redacted] Laurel Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that he received a phone call shortly after noon on this date from DEAVROURS NIX who asked why the police had "shook down" [redacted] car near the bowling alley on the night of 9/8/66. Captain [redacted] advised that he was aware of the identity of this car and that after inquiry with police officers on duty on the night of 9/8/66 he was sure that this was untrue. [redacted] determined that officers had been looking for a reported stolen car in the vicinity of the bowling alley and for this reason had shined a spot light on the Thunderbird referred to by NIX. b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] advised that he and Detective [redacted] were in a police car north of John's cafe at about 10:00 P.M. when they observed DEAVOURS NIX driving his new stationwagon around the streets without any apparent purpose. There were five other unknown males in the car with NIX.

On 8/31/66, [redacted] R.H. Watkins High School, Laurel, advised that school officials planned to be watchful of [redacted] when school opens and Negroes attend for the first time. 157-3484-169 b6 b7C

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1 - 173-926 (DESEGRATION OF LAUREL SCHOOLS)
1 - 157-446 (WKKK KOM, Jones Co.)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, KNOXVILLE

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-6711)

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF GREATER
NEW ORLEANS, INC.; PUBLICATION
RE DEAVOURS NIX, FEBRUARY, 1966
RM

Re Knoxville airtel and LHM to Bureau dated 9/16/66.

For the information of Knoxville, the Bureau is already fully aware of the background regarding DEAVOURS NIX who is the State KBI Investigator for the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. (WKKKKOM). NIX is also one of the defendants in the DABURN case which was a Bureau Special at Hattiesburg and Laurel, Miss. from January, 1966 to April, 1966 and involved the fire bombing of the home of Negro NAACP leader VERNON DAHMER near Hattiesburg, Miss. on 1/10/66. During the DABURN investigation, NIX made various allegations against Bureau Agents and Bureau has been fully advised and affidavits previously submitted by Agents involved. Generally, the allegations were false and were a deliberate attempt to discredit the FBI.

Literature similar to that described in Knoxville LHM dated 9/16/66 has been distributed widely throughout Mississippi during the past six months and the Bureau has been advised regarding this literature.

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UACB, no further action is being taken by the Jackson Office in this matter.

SAC, JACKSON (157-6513) 9/26/66

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

RACIAL SITUATION IN
LAUREL, MISS.
RACIAL MATTERS

On 9/17/66, [redacted] telephonically advised that she planned to picket the Laurel City Hall to protest the recent shooting into homes of Negroes and the lack of any action by the Laurel Police in connection with this, the recent arrest of [redacted] youth who was shot trying to be served at the Chow House Cafe and the activities of the Ku Klux Klan. She said that she believed that she would march alone because most of the other Negroes were afraid to do so and the Negro ministers had been refused a march permit by the mayor. b6 b7C

Shortly after 9:00 A.M. on this date, [redacted] was observed walking back and forth around the Laurel City Hall. She stayed on the sidewalk, did not say anything and carried signs in front and back. b6 b7C

Observing her were members of the Laurel Police Department, including Captain [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] Investigators for the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, who were previously advised of [redacted] intentions.

[redacted] continued to march until about 11:00 A.M. when she was joined by [redacted] and [redacted] both Negroes. They marched until shortly after 12:00 noon, when they left. No interference of the march was observed. b6 b7C

Known Klan members in the area observed were [redacted] DEAVOURS NIX, [redacted]

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While [redacted] and others marched DEAVOURS NIX drove around in a grey pickup truck registered to White's Auto Sales. Whith him was [redacted] who took pictures of marchers and law enforcement officers. [redacted] who remained in the area during all of the march stopped NIX and talked with him for a short time. b6 b7C

[redacted] distributed printed sheets put out by the Citizen Council of New Orleans urging people to cash in their savings bonds. b6 b7C

About 20 minutes after [redacted] stopped marching, DEAVOURS NIX, [redacted] and severa l others assembled on the sidewalk in front of the City Hall and talked among themselves. After a few moments of conversation they all departed. b6 b7C

On September 23, 1966, [redacted] again advised that she intended to march around the City Hall in Laurel. She was observed marching on the sidewalk by herself from about 10:00 A.M. to shortly after 1:00 P.M. No known Klan members were observed in the area. She was observed by Chief of Police [redacted] and investigators from the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. She carried signs urging support of the local police and ministers to combat the KKK. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Jackson (157-2484) DATE: 12-8-66

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: Deamours N'M
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In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 7-22-66. The review for this report was made from serial 106 through serial _____.

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File Injunction Petition For Each School Official

A student at R. H. Watkins High School and her parents have filed a petition in which they seek an injunction that would prohibit school authorities from depriving her of "rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed to her by the Constitution of the United States of America."

Styled Judy Nix, by next friend, Sybil Nix and Deavours Nix, Petitioners, vs. Don Norsworthy, Allan L. McClure, J. S. Thomas, Hal Easterwood and J. M. Caughman, Respondents, the petition was filed Thursday afternoon in Jones County Chancery Court by Charles Blackwell of Laurel and Travis Buckley of Bay Springs, attorneys for the student and her parents.

The petition identifies Norsworthy as an instructor in one of the classes attended by the student, McClure as the high school principal, Thomas and Easterwood as instructors and counselors and Caughman as superintendent of education.

It is charged in the petition that on Nov. 14 a classmate gave Judy Nix a copy of the Southern Review, a bi-monthly newspaper published in Jackson and that Norsworthy took her to the office of McClure, "where all of the named respondents except Caughman interrogated her in detail regarding her reason for possessing the paper."

The petition further charges that "they warned her that if she were caught in possession of another issue of said paper she would be expelled from school and prohibited from attending any other school in the Laurel Public School System."

It is also set out in the petition the student was told that before she could bring any other newspapers or periodicals on the school premises she would be required to first submit them to the principal.

The petitioners aver that this action has caused Judy Nix to fear she may be expelled regardless of whether she obeys the reasonable orders of the school officials or not, and has caused her great fear, embarrassment, humiliation and concern by the fact that she was singled out for punishment because she brought said paper to class.

It is also charged there was no reasonable cause for the treatment and that the student was the only one so abused.

She avers that she is entitled to attend school unmolested by the respondents so long as she conducts herself in a manner which does not disrupt the orderly procedure and does not have immoral or unchristian manner — "and she has not so behaved."

It is further charged the threats are calculated to deprive her of her right to attend a public school she and her parents help support through taxes, and that the action attempts to deprive her of her rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed her by the Constitution.

The petition also charges action of the authorities is calculated to deprive her of the right to enjoy freedom of the press, freedom of expression and freedom from unreasonable search and seizure.

It is also set out it is intended that students have the right to acquire a well-rounded political and social education as long as the same does not disturb the orderly function and operation of the school.

The petition asserts the action tends to deny Judy and others the right to select and read newspapers of their choice, and that it denies Mr. and Mrs. Nix the right to send their child to a school they help support through taxes.

It is also asserted that Judy will suffer an irreparable injury if an injunction is not issued immediately, and that an injunction is the only complete remedy at the disposal of the petitioners.

There has been no answer filed by the respondents, but attorneys were studying the petition Friday.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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— Laurel Leader-Call

— Laurel, Miss.

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Miss Judy Nix of Laurel, Mississippi. (See lead story on this page.

SAC, JACKSON (44-1512) 1/10/67

SA [redacted] (P)

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OO: Jackson

On January 9, 1967, the records of the Circuit Clerk's Office, Jones County, Mississippi, at Laurel, Mississippi, were searched concerning civil cases in the Circuit Court. The following information was located in book number six, General Docket, Civil Cases, Circuit Court, Second District, Jones County, Mississippi:

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Page 200 showed the docket of the case of DEAVOURS NIX vs. [redacted]

December 1, 1960 - Declaration of damages filed for $15,000
December 1, 1960 - Summons issued
December 3, 1960 - Summons returned executed and filed
January 9, 1961 - Continuation order filed
March 22, 1961 - Answer and Counterclaim filed
March 30, 1961 - Order filed dismissing cause and Counterclaim with prejudice

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Page 201 showed the docket of the case of SYBIL NIX vs. [redacted]

December 1, 1960 - Declaration of damages filed for $25,000
December 1, 1960 - Summons issued
December 3, 1960 - Summons returned executed and filed
January 6, 1961 - Motion for security of cost filed
January 6, 1961 - Answer filed
March 22, 1961 - Motion to Consolidate cases filed
March 23, 1961 - Answer of Plaintiff to affirmative Defense filed
March 30, 1961 - Order dismissing cause with prejudice

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